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This volume, which is the thirty-third in the series formerly issued under the direction of the Record Commissioners, contains the minutes of the Selectmen's Meetings from 1799 to, and including, 1810, completing the eighteenth and nineteenth books of the original records of Selectmen's Minutes.

EDWARD W. McGLENEN,

City Registrar.

Old Court House, Boston.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK EIGHTEENTH.

(Continued.)

[**255.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany 9. 1799. Present Mess: Edwards, Hancock, Sherburne, Tileston, Porter, Harris, Austin

John Jarvis being chosen by the Company of Engine N°. 4 in the room of M^{r}. Thompson who has left the State as certified by the Clerk of said Company—the choice is approved by the Board—

A special Meeting warned for the choice of an auchtioneer—M^{r}. Benjamin Wiggen applying for an appointment—

4 O Clock—a special Meeting M^{r}. Benj. Wiggen appointed an auchtioneer for this Town—

M^{r}. Ripley approved of as an inholder

A Committee to examin the Acco^{t}. of Charges for the late Fever & see what is proper to lay before the G. Court

M^{r}. Edwards & M^{r}. Tilden a Comm^{ee}. for this purpose

The Officer of Police is directed to see that the Trucks & Carts are marked & numbered according to Law—& that the length of the Truck be according to the vote of the Town
sent

M^{r}. Gooch Clerk of the Market is directed to draw out his Accounts & lay them before Selectmen next Wednesday
sent—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 16th. '99 Present Messrs. Tileston, Tilden, Hancock Porter, Edwards, Harris, Austin,

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 23^{d}. 1799 Present Mess: Tilden, Austin, Hancock, Tileston, Porter, Harris,

M^{r}. Luther Emes approved as an Inholder for a large House in Wings Lane lately occupied by M^{r}. Bryant

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 28. 1799 Present Mess: Hancock, Tileston, Tilden, Edwards, Porter, Austin,

Passed upon Accounts—

[**256.**] Voted, that M^{r}. Foster who has the charge of the Hay Engine, have allowed him for his services including taking care of the Bulls, from the last Day of May 1795 to the last Day of December 1798—at & after the rate of five hundred & fifty Dollars p Annum, and that the Treasurer settle his Accounts accordingly—

sent Treasurer

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 1799 Present Messrs. Sherburne, Tyleston, Tilden, Porter, Edwards, Hancock, Austin.

Voted that the Inspector of Police be directed to contract for the Sale of the Manure & other dirt to be taken from the Streets of the Town of Boston at his direction & to Account for the same to the Selectmen

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6. 1799— Present Mess: Tileston, Hancock Porter, Edwards, Tilden, Harris, Austin.

A Meeting of Selectmen called at ½ past 3 o'Clock to consider the application of Robert Gould Shaw for his appointment as an Auchtioneer

This being the Meeting for choice of an Auchtioneer M^{r}. Robert Gould Shaw, was appointed an Auchtioneer agreable to his application as above

18 Grand Jurors & 36 Petit for S J Court—were drawn out of Box, & entred & posted in Jury Books—

A special Meeting warned for choice of an Auchtioneer for this Town—

William Cleland appointed an Auchtioneer for the Town of Boston—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 13. '99
Present Mess: Porter, Tileston, Austin, Harris, Sherburne,

M^{r}. Fenno directed to make a Hose for Engine N°. 5—

Voted, that Col^{o}. Thomas Dawes with such other Person as may be appointed by M^{r}. Thomas Dennie be a Committee to [257.] estimate the value of a piece of Land belonging to said Dennie at the west part of Boston & if any disagreement arises upon the Price such a Comm^{ee}. to choose a third Person & the report of a major part of them to be conclusive & the Selectmen *Vote* that whatever Sum the said Land may be appraised at, that the Town pay therefor, on condition that M^{r}. Dennie agree to the determination of said Committee—

Upon the application of M^{r}. Enoch Glover Capt. of Engine N°. 5 that a new Hose be furnished for the same as the old one is irreparable & hearing M^{r}. Fenno's opinion thereon—
Voted, that M^{r}. Fenno be directed to make a new Hose for the aforesaid Engine as soon as may be

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 20. 1799
Present Messrs. Tilden, Tileston, Porter, Hancock, Harris, Sherburne,

M^{r}. Nazro is directed to call upon the Captains of Engine Companies, for a return of Buckets belonging to their respective Engines—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 25. '99
Present Mess: Edwards, Tileston, Porter, Hancock, Harris, Tilden, Austin
Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Feby. 27. 1799
Present Messrs. Edwards, Tilden, Harris, Tileston, Porter.

Passed upon other Accounts—

Voted, that William Gooch Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market have allowed him for his services from the 25 May 1799 to the 15 day of Decem^{r}. last at & after the rate of $550 Dollars p annum, & that the Treasurer settle his account accordingly

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen March 1^{t}. 1799.
Present Messrs. Tileston, Tilden, Edwards, Hancock, Austin, Porter, Sherburne

Town Clerk directed to prepare a Warr^{t}.for calling the Annual March Meeting on Monday the 11^{t}. Ins^{t}.
Rev^{d}. D^{r}. West to be requested to open the Meeting with prayer & M^{r}. Porter & Col^{o}. Hancock a Comm^{ee}. to wait upon him for the purpose

M^{r}. Edes to have the printing of Notifications —

[258.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6. '99 Present Messrs. Tilden, Harris, Tileston Sherburne,

Passed upon Accompts

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen March 13^{t}. 1799 Present Messrs. Tilden, Howard, Porter Hancock Bulfinch, Sherburne Sturgis Cobb May

M^{r}. Henry Purkitt applies for his being appointed Inspector of Barrelled pickled Beef Pork &^{c}. for the present Year—

On a Question of organization of the Board, it was stated that Charles Bulfinch Esq. had served at the Board for the Years 1792. 1793 & 1794 & was elected for 1795 but resigned;—that David Tilden Esq had served for the Years 1796. 1797. 1798—when about to determine which of those Gentlemen should be considered as entitled to the Chair, M^{r}. Tilden and M^{r}. Bulfinch withdrew,—when after a full discussion by the residue of the Board, it was unanimously agreed, that M^{r}. Bulfinch has the precedence by seniority of election and he was introduced to the Chair accordingly—

Voted, that the Trustees of the Franklin Donation be requested to meet at 4. o.'Clock next Wednesday Afternoon at the Selectmens Chamber—

Voted, that M^{r}. Porter be a Committee to procure a sufficient number of Buckets to provide each Engine with six Pair—the Buckets to be painted & marked.

Voted, that M^{r}. Porter be a Committee to enquire of M^{r}. Tileston, who was last Year a Comm^{ee}. of the Board for this purpose what progress he has made in procuring Timber for fencing the Towns Lands—& that M^{r}. Porter be requested to complete the said Commission—

Voted, that M^{r}. Bulfinch be a Committee to enquire of M^{r}. Austin, (who was of the Board last Year & a Committee to provide a site & erect an Engine House in Ward No. 7.) what progress he has made in the business; and to complete that Commission as soon as may be

[**259.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March '99 Present Messrs. Howard, Porter, Sturgis, Tilden, May Sherburne, Bulfinch, Cobb, Hancock

Upon application of Capt. Norton asking the opinion of the Selectmen respecting his right to build a Shop or other Building in front of his House in Back Street on the line with the other Buildings in the Street—whereupon Voted, that M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Sherburne be a Committee to view the House & Report thereon—

Voted, that at the future Meetings of the Selectmen the proceedings of the preseding Meeting as recorded shall be read, as introductory to other business—

Voted, that the Inspector of Police be & he hereby is directed, to cause each & every Cart & Truck, owned or used by any Inhabitant of this Town to be number'd and marked with the Owners name in some convenient part as required by Law, & in case of neglect or refusal of any Owner of any Cart or Truck, for to mark & number his or her Cart Trucks or Sled during the space of ten days after public notice of this order, the Inspector is hereby directed to prosecute such Delinquent without favour or partiality.—

A Report of Honble Thomas Dawes & Sam. Parkman Esq Referees chosen to appraise a piece of Land between Middlecot & Temple Street belonging to Thomas Dennie was read & accepted.—(Mem^{o}. on file mix'd Papers)

A Committee from the Board of Health came up and proposed a conference—whereupon—

Voted, that the Selectmen will meet at their room to Morrow Afternoon 3. o.'Clock for the special purpose of conferring with the Board of Health—and M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Cobb are a Committee to wait on them with their decision

Voted, that the Chairman M^{r}. Sturgis & [**260.**] M^{r}. May be a Committee to adjust the cases provided for the keeping of the Records & Papers of the Town & other Furniture of the Selectmens Room and do the needful therein.

Voted, that M^{r}. May & M^{r}. Cobb be a Comm^{ee}. to enquire into the Claims of the Town to the Lands between Middlecot & Temple Streets at the upper or South end of the same ascertain as far as they can all facts necessary to be known preparatory to open a new street—& Report as soon as may be—

see March 21— below 1. 2 Votes

Boston ss: At a meeting of Selectmen March 21s—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden Hancock, Sherburne Porter, Sturgis May, Cobb,

Voted, that a Commee. of two be appointed to make out a clear & correct list of all the Estates of the Town; exhibiting the Towns title, with Plans as far as can be had, with the Butts & bounds, the income if occupied & the Occupiers names—with such other minutes as may elucidate the subject; with power to employ such assistance as the Committee may think necessary.—

Voted that Mr. May, Mr. Sturgis be this Committee.—

(Memo. the preceding Votes unanimously at their meeting on yesterday)

As was proposed at the last meeting—a conference took place with the Board of health—when the Board of health submitted to this Board sundry points for consideration, wherein the respective Jurisdiction were questionable—after a free discussion of every thing deemed necessary which was thought of—and a Joint Commee. of the two Boards having been proposed the Board of health withdrew, when it was Voted, that Mess: Tilden & Sturgis be chosen on the part of the Board a Committee to Join such as the Board of Health may appoint for the purposes of defining & explaining the subjects of the powers of the respective Boards, where any [**261.**] doubts may arise respecting them—

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 25. 1799 Present Messrs. Sherburne, Sturgis, Hancock, Cobb May,

Town Clerk directed to prepare a Warrant for a Town Meeting the 1. Monday of April next being the 1st. Day of said April, for the choice of a Governor, Liet. Governor, Senators &c.

Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Howard—a Committee to wait upon the Revd. Dr. Stillman—and request his Opening the Meeting with Prayer—

Mr. Benje. Edes to have the printing of the Notifications of said Meeting—

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen March 27. 1799—Present Messrs. Sherburne, Bulfinch, Howard, Sturgis, May, Hancock,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Messrs. Bulfinch Hancock & Porter appointed a Committee for the Year for the care of the Common—

M^r^. Cobb, Porter, Sherburne a Committee to view the Street leading up Beacon Hill & to Report what measures shall be taken to dig away & make the same passable—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen April 3^d^. 1799 Present Mess. Sturgis, Hancock, Tilden, Porter, Bulfinch, Cobb, Sherburne, Howard

M^r^. Whittemore applies for being appointed as an Inspector of Barrel'd pickled Fish Pork Beef &^c^. for the Year ensuing—

The Chairman & M^r^. Sherburne a Comm^ee^. to examine into the powers of the Surveyers of High Ways with respect to the Nuisances occasioned by Shop keepers & Auchtioneers incumbring the Streets with Goods & Boxes—& to Report the Law with an amendment if necessary—

M^r^. Hancock & M^r^. Howard a Committee to enquire [**262.**] into the subject of the Petition of Levy Lane & others that the Dock at the bottom of Wood Lane called the Slip, should be filled up—

M^r^. Cobb & M^r^. Porter a Committee upon the Petition of Josiah Knapp proposing to fill up a Dock at the South part of the Town between M^r^. Knapp & M^r^. Heely—

M^r^. Sturgis added to the Committee upon the subject of the Land at the head of Middlecot Street—

The Inspector of Police is directed to apply to M^r^. Edwards to prosecute to issue before the Court of Common pleas the delinquent Drivers or Owners of Hacks who have appealed from the Judgement of the Justice of Peace

Messrs. Benjamin Clark
Benjamin Owen
Smith Woodward
Elisha Tower
Nathaniel Spear
John McElroy
John Lombard
Thomas Barber
Thomas Poole
Edward Burt
Benj^a^ Whittemore
Henry Purket—

see April 10

were chosen Packers of Barrel'd Beef pickled Fish Pork &c for the Town of Boston for the ensuing Year, & the Town Clerk is directed to give them Certificates accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 10, 1799 Present Messrs. Hancock, Porter, Sturgis, Sherburne, Bulfinch, Tilden.

M^{r}. James Barry is appointed an Inspector of pickel'd Fish Pork & Beef for the ensuing Year commencing the 3^{d}. Ins^{t}—
see other side the next

[**263.**] Liberty was granted M^{r}. Aaron Cummings to open the Common Shore near Jeffry & Russells Whorff for the purpose of draining his Cellar, on the usual conditions

Upon Report of the Committee to confer with the Committee of Board of Health—
Voted, that it be recommended to the Inhabitants to enclose all such vacant Lands, as in the opinion of the Board of health may become receptacles of dirt & filth
sent

Voted, that the Marsh at the bottom of the Common near the Rope-walk be assign'd as a place for depositing dirt & the sweepings of the Streets—
sent

Voted, that the Keeper of Rainsford Island be directed to receive all sick or contagious persons Clothes or merchandize, that may in the opinion of the Board of health be infectious, & to conduct with them as they shall direct, & the keeper of the Island is directed to call at the Board of healths office as often as he may come to Boston to receive such instructions as the Board may have to give, & to conform himself to them, untill further orders from the Selectmen— Copy of Letter to Command^{g}. officer of y^{e}. Castle on the file mix'd Papers, also of one to D^{r}. Welsh resid^{g}. at Castle William

On application of the Fire-wards M^{r}. Porter & M^{r}. Sturgis are a Committee to examine the Engine N°. 7 & to report the expediency of repairing that Engine or having a new one built—

M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Tilden Comm^{ee}. on application of D^{r}. Parker to examine relative to a conveyance by the Town of a passage way thro the late Rope-walk, bend in Hutchinsons Street—

M^{r}. Bulfinch M^{r}. Sherburne & M^{r}. Sturgis Committee to examine into a bond given by Richard Perkins to convey land of the new State-house to the Town—

The Comm^ee^. to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Persons for the removal of Incumbrances in the Streets Reported the following for publication—which was adopted & [264] Voted to be printed in the Mercury & Centinel for three Papers—vizt—

Whereas great complaints have been made by many respectable Gentlemen of the Town to the Board that the obstructions in several of the Streets by Goods & Merchandise being placed thereon by Shopkeepers Auchtioneers & others; have become so great as to render it almost impossible to pass & re-pass with safety—and as no Citizen has a right to such an indulgence to the prejudice of any of the Inhabitants—*therefore* this Board feel themselves in duty bound to see the laws in such cases duly observed, do now give public notice to all Shop keepers Auchtioneers & others who may after the last day of April inst^t^. incumber any of the Streets or sides of the Streets with such Goods & Merchandise or with any other Article whatsoever to the damage or inconvenience of the Inhabitants that they shall give peremtory orders to have such Person or Persons prosecuted to the extent of the Law without further notice—

sent for Mercury & Centinel

Thomas Emmons & Jonathan Cushing are appointed packers of Beef &^c^. for the term of one Year commencing the 3^d^ of April Ins^t^.

M^r^. Porter M^r^. Cobb & M^r^. Hancock a Committee on the application of M^r^. Haskins for the approbation of the Selectmen for a Street thro' his Ground leading from Pleasant Street to Eliot Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen April 13th 1799

M^r^. David Corbit was appointed an Inspector of pickled barreld Fish Pork & Beef by a majority of the Selectmen—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen April 17—'99 Present Messrs. Sturgis, Porter, Bulfinch, Tilden, Cobb, May, Sherburne Howard

William Fenno John Cartwright, approved of as packers & Inspectors of pickled Barreld Fish Pork &^c^.

Passed upon a number of Persons for Inholders & Retailers and return made to the Justices of the Court of Sessions—

M^r^. Sturgis & M^r^. Bulfinch on the application of the Judge of [265.] Probate for the County of Suffolk, are a Comm^ee^. to examine into the Circumstances of Benjamin Hall represented to said Judge as a person non compos—

The application of Col^{o}. Brazier & others that the Common Sewer through Market Square may be cleansed—this matter was referred to the Board of Health for consideration

On application of M^{r}. [blank] for liberty to remove the Cellar Door from the front to the end of his House—M^{r}. Howard & M^{r}. Sherburne are a Committee, thereupon—

M^{r}. Porter M^{r}. Hancock & M^{r}. Cobb are a Comm^{ee}. to enquire into the term of the Lease of Towns Land to M^{r}. Doll—to see the Fences put into immediate repair & to make enquiry into the state of such Land, & to Report thereon—

The application of Col^{o}. Amory for liberty for the Boston Cavelry to exercise on the Common—referred to the Comm^{ee}. who have the care of the same.—

On complaint of the state-house watch against their Constable —Voted, that M^{r}. Burdick be no longer considered as Constable of that Watch—and the Watch is directed to appoint one of their own number for their Constable untill further orders of this Board

The following return was made on the Warrant recieved from the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk to enquire into the circumstances of Benjamin Hall who had been represented to said Judge as incapable to take care of himself &^{c}.—vizt—

That having in pursuance of said Warrant examined into the circumstances & state of mind of said Hall, they find him to be as represented a Person so weak & disorder'd in mind as to be unable to take care of his own affairs—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24. 1799—Present Messrs. Hancock, Sherburne, Bulfinch, Porter, Howard, Tilden, Sturgis, Cobb

M^{r}. Stickney applies for being appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town—& a special Meeting has been warned for the [**266.**] purpose of considering said Application—

4. o Clock P: M: M^{r}. Thomas Stickney is appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town for the present Year
see May 15—

It is agreed that the Selectmen attend on their sitting Days at 4 o'Clock P: M: precisely—

M^{r}. James Euson being well recommended is appointed an Inspector of pickled Fish Beef & Pork

Voted, that the consideration of new licensed Persons be referred over to July next, being the usual time for considering & granting such Licenses—

M^r^. Samuel Abbot was appointed an Inspector of barreld pickled Fish Pork & Beef—

Maj^r^. Tilden & M^r^. Sturgis a Comm^ee^. on the application of D^r^. Dexter & others relative to raising Milk Street—

The Committee appointed to consider & Report on the Article of the Warrant relative to applying to the General Court for restrictions on the Aqueduct Corporation—

Report—That by the Act passed the 27^t^. of February 1795, the Associates in the above Corporation are invested with full power to open the ground in any part of the streets & hig[h] ways in the Towns of Roxbury & Boston at any time for the purpose of sinking or repairing such Aqueduct without any controll assent or restriction from the Selectmen or Surveyers of the Highways of either of those Towns

These unqualified powers have been productive already of some complaint & may lead to consequential injury by subjecting the Town to Litigations with the Aqueduct Proprietors, or sadling the Inhabitants with the expence of extra repairs of their Streets—

Your Comm^ee^. therefore propose that the Town Instruct their Representatives in the General Court to obtain an additional one in amendment of the same to the following effect vizt.—

[**267.**] 1st. That no pavement be taken up previous to the 1st Day of April, nor after the first Day of October in any year—

2nd. That the Selectmen or the Persons whom they shall appoint shall determine on what part of the Street the pavement shall be removed for the purpose of sinking the Pipes of the Aqueduct & to what extent untill the repair is compleated.

3^d^. That the Selectmen or Surveyers of the High Ways be impower'd to direct the re-pavement so as to have the same substantially & effectually done—

These Resolutions appear reasonable because when the Town when on the 7th. of Feby. 1795.. assented to the Proprietors being incorporated it was with the express *proviso*, that the Proprietors should be holden to put the Streets which should be opened

in as good repair, as they were previous thereto, & that such other guards & restrictions should be inserted in the Act as should effectually secure the Town from injury—

All of which is respectfully submitted

Boston Decem^r. 5. '98— p Order—

WILLLAM TUDOR *Chairman*

At a legal Meeting of the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall the 5th of November & continued by Adjournment to the 5 of Decem^r. 1798—

The 'foregoing Report was considered & accepted by the Town—

Att: WILLIAM COOPER. Town Clerk

Commonwealth Massachusetts

In the House of Representatives Feby. 26. 1799

On the Memorial of the Town of Boston praying for alterations in the Act for incorporating Luther Ames & others into a Society for the purpose of bringing fresh Water into the Town of Boston [**268.**] by subterraneous Pipes. Ordered, that the said Town of Boston notify the said Corporation by leaving an attested Copy of the Vote of the said Town on this subject & this order thereon, with the Clerk of said Corporation, thirty Days at least before the second Wednesday of the first Sessions of the next General Court that they may then appear & show cause if any the said Corporation have why the prayer of the said application should not be granted—

Sent up for Concurrence

EDW^D. H. ROBINS Spker

In Senate Feby. 28. 1799

Read & concurred

SAMUEL PHILLIPS President

Original of the aforegoing is placed on the file of mixed Papers —and an attested Copy to be sent the Clerk of the Corporation without delay—

Major Tilden was requested to have the Centre Writing School white washed.—

The Clerk of the Market is directed to have the Cellar of the Market-house examined & cleared of every thing that may prove offensive

M^r. Sherburne & M^r. Howard a Comm^ee. upon the application of M^r. Smith for leave to form a Foot-path Brick with an abutment, in Cross Street—

Wednesday next assign'd for coming to the choice of an Orator for the 4th of July next—As also for making out a Warrant for May Meeting—

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen April 29. '99 Present Messrs. Sturgis, Howard, Tilden, Hancock, Sherburne Porter, May, Cobb,

Passed upon Accounts

William Parsons applies for liberty to open a Drain from his House into the Common Shore—Liberty was accordingly granted, he complying with the usual conditions—

Mr. Joseph Adams has liberty to open a Drain in Center Street upon the usual conditions,—

Mr. William Speed is appointed Captain of the Town-house Watch—

[**269.**] Voted, that the Constables of the Town shall in future bring in their accounts quarterly, other ways they are not to be allowed—

Voted, unanimously, that this Board will to Morrow week wait upon the President of the United States, and pay their respects to him—

Voted, that Majr. Tilden & Mr. Sturgis be a Commee. to meet Benjamin Weld & others, who have asked liberty to level the Fortifications on Fort-hill; to grant permission, and advise with them concerning the same—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 1. 1799 Present Messrs. Sturgis Howard Hancock, Porter Sherburne, Bulfinch,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Mr. Henderson having produced vouchers that he had paid the several Treasurers of the State County & Town the full Sums committed to him as Collector of Taxes for 1797—to collect of the Inhabitants—the Town Clerk was directed to give up the Bonds he had given for said Year

Mr. Israel Cook appointed a Searcher of barrel'd pickled Fish &c.

Bennet Dunbar appointed one of the State Street Watch.—

Upon application of Prince Hall & others that Mr. Nester Pendleton a black man be licensed as a Schoolmaster to Instruct their black Children—Voted that the said Pendleton be licensed agreeable to the request of the Petitioners; & to be at their expence, during the pleasure of the Board—
sent

Mr. Tilden of the Commee. on the application of Aaron Dexter & others that the lower part of Milk Street should be so raised as to carry the Water & wash of the Street above ground—Reported, that the Commee had examined the Street & considered fully the Subject, & were of opinion that it was not expedient to comply with the request of the Petitioners as it would be attended with great expence, & wonld throw the Water back upon the adjoining Streets—

[270.] The Commee. to whom was referr'd the application of Mr. Weld & others Reported—that One hundred & fifty Dollars be allowed for the purpose of levelling the Breast work on Fort-hill, & compleating the Street over the Hill from Oliver Street—the whole to be done under the direction of the Selectmen—Voted, to accept the Report—with the addition of fifty Dollars to the Sum granted, making in the whole 200 Dollars; and the before mentioned Come. was desired to attend to and inspect the said work.

On application of Capt. Caldwell & Mr. Perez Bryant for liberty to open the Common Shore at the bottom of Cold Lane—Liberty was granted under the usual Conditions—

Mr. Sherburne of the Commee. to consider the Application of Levi Lane & Robert Treat—Reported as follows—vizt.—

Mr. Levi Lane & Robert Treat agree to fill up the Dock at the bottom of Procters Lane, and make a suitable Drain from the head of the Dock to the End, & keep it in good repair—the Town continuing the Passage way always open as any other publick Street—

LEVY LANE
ROBERT TREAT

The above Report being accepted by the Selectmen the Town Clerk is directed to furnish Mr. Lane & Treat with a Copy thereof—Memo. the Agreement is placed on the file of mixt Papers)

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 2d. 1799 Present Messrs. Howard, Tilden, Porter, Hancock, Bulfinch,

The Town Clerk is directed to prepare a Warrant for May Meeting on the 14. Inst—10 o Clock

M^r^. Howard & Sherburne a Committee to wait on the Rev^d^. D^r^. Stillman and to request his opening the Meeting with prayer—

M^r^. Benjn. Edes to have the printing of the Notifications for said Meeting—

On application of Capt. Ruben Carver he is permitted to open a Drain from his Pump in Procters Lane into the Common Shore—

M^r^. Howard & Sherburne a Comm^ee^. to [**271.**] confer with the Abuttors on Lyn Street respecting the repairing & paving that Street—

Capt. Lemuel Gardner appointed an Inspector packer &^c^. of Barrel'd pickled Fish Pork & Beef.

Wednesday next assigned for signing Licenses for the Owners of Hacks

Voted, that the following arrangement of Committees be adopted, who are to attend in their respective divisions to the removal of obstructions in the Streets occasioned by the exposure of Goods &^c^. contrary to late Advertizement—

M^r^. Howard & M^r^. Sherburne Division from the Mill Creek northerly containing 5 Wards—

M^r^. Bulfinch & M^r^. Mays	d^o^.	Wards N°. 6 & 7
M^r^. Sturgis Tilden & Cobb	d^o^.	Wards N°. 8- 9. & 10
M^r^. Hancock	d^o^.	Ward-N°. 11—
M^r^. Porters	d^o^.	Ward—N°. 12—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen May 7^t^.—1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Sturgis, Hancock, Sherburne, Cobb

M^r^. Jepson & M^r^. Thompson having produced Vouchers that they had paid the several Treasurers of the State County & Town the Sums committed to them as Collectors of Taxes for 1797. to Collect of the Inhabitants—the Town Clerk is directed to give up the Bonds they had given for said Year.

M^r^. Sherburne & M^r^. Howard desired to view the Street called Doggets Lane near Jeffry & Russells Wharff & to Report on the expediency of repairing the same

Fryday Afternoon 4. o Clock assigned for giving the Licenses to the Owners of Hackney Carriages—and M^r^. Nazro is directed to notify the Owners thereof by application to them & by posting up a notification on their Stand

Capt. John Gray M^{r}. Bussey & Capt. Preble residing in Summer Street made objections to opening the Common Shore in that Street—

[272.] M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Sturgis a Committee to view Purchase Street & see what repairs are necessary—

M^{r}. Sherburne & M^{r}. Howard a Comm^{e}. to view the Whorff & Land near Winnisimit Ferry-way, respect [ing] an incumbrance said to be made by M^{r}. Houghton

On application of M^{r}. Bell for liberty to sell fruit Liquors &^{c}. in the Mall—Voted, that no Person be allowed to keep a Stand in the Common or Mall for such purposes—

M^{r}. Sherburne desired to procure such Books of Law &^{c}. as may be necessary for the use of the Selectmen—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 10.'99 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hancock, Sturgis, Porter, Tilden, May, Sherburne

M^{r}. Bayley having produced Vouchers that he had paid the several Treasurers the Sums committed to him to Collect for the Year 1797—the Town Clerk is directed to deliver up the same—

Capt. Robert Caldwell & M^{r}. Perez Bryant apply for liberty to open a Common Shore at the bottom of cold Lane in order to clear & repair the same—
Ordered, that said Applicants cause all Persons interested in said Common Shore or where private Drains empty into the same to appear at Wednesday next at the Selectmens Chamber, to show cause if any they have why liberty shall not be granted according to the application made for said purpose—

By Order of Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

(sent)

M^{r}. Hancock & M^{r}. Porter Committee to agree with M^{r}. Lawrence or some other Person to dig such Ditches in the Marsh east of the Dike on the Necke as may be necessary & to examine the Dike & to report the state of it.

Martin Conning has liberty to enter a drain from his House in Orange Street into the Common Shore

[273.] Voted, that the Sum of 600 Dollars be appropriated for the Expences of the Office of Police for the ensuing Year—

Voted, that an Officer be appointed with the Title of Superintendent of Police—

Voted, that such number of Assistants be appointed monthly as the Board may think proper—

The Board came to the choice of a Superintendent of Police by Ballot—and it appeared that Charles Bulfinch Esq was chosen unanimously—

Mr. Amos Lewis, Mr. Enoch May & Mr. Thomas Stevenson Constables were chosen Assistants in the Office of Police for the Current month—

Voted, that ten Dollars p month be allowed to each of the Constables for their services—with such proportion of the fines arising in the execution of their Office as the Board may Judge proper

Voted the following Address be printed in the Papers vizt—

THE SELECTMEN

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston—

Whereas the Byelaws of the Town as well as many excellent Laws of the Commonwealth, calculated to promote order, safety & the public good, have not had such attention paid to them by the Citizens as they required & such as would ultimately tend to the ease convenience & happiness of the People:—*Therefore Public Notice is hereby given* That Charles Bulfinch Esq. is appointed Superintendent of Police, who with the Assistance of three Constables, is directed to attend to the breaches of all Laws in the minutest particular, & to see them enforced according to the tenor of said Laws. And it is hoped & expected that the good Citizens of this Town will not only cheerfully comply therewith, but give such information & aid to the said Superintendant as may be necessary for so valuable a purpose—

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15. 1799—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Hancock Sturgis, Howard, Porter.

Mr. William Allen having applied for being appointed an Auchtioneer—a meeting is warned to consider the same 5 o'Clock in the Evening—

[274.] Mr. Joseph Adams applies for liberty to open a drain from a Well in new North Ally into the Common Shore—Liberty was granted on the usual conditions

5 O'Clock P: M: Mr. William Alline appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town for the remainder of the Year—

The following return was made on the Warrants of the Judge of Probates for the County of Suffolk to the Selectmen vizt—

In compliance with the within precept We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston have attended to the representation that has been made of the situation & circumstances of John Lord therein named are fully persuaded that he requires a Guardian to be immediately appointed to take the care & charge of him & his effects, at the same time do not consider him as by any means an Inhabitant of the Town of Boston & therefor—the present representation is not to be received as such—

Signed by Selectmen—

Mr. Sherburne of the Commee. to apply to Dr. Perkins for the Deed of a part of the Land on which the new State House is built, produced the Deed compleated & properly Registred—whereupon

Voted, that Dr. Perkins Bond for the delivery of such Deeds be given up to him—

Mr. Porter, Hancock & Cobb a Commee. a [to] Advertise & proceed to Lease by Auchtion untill the 1t. of April next, all the Towns Lands on the Neck in such seperate portions & on such conditions as they may Judge most for the interest of the Town, reserving a right for staking out roads or lots in or through the same, the time of Leasing such Lands to be thursday the 21st. Inst. 4 o'Clock Afternoon—

The same Committee are desired to apply to the Proprietors of Lots on each side of the Neck that they would put the roads in immediate repair according to their Agreement

[**275.**] The said Committee are also desired to attend to such repairs on the other part of the Neck as may be wanting

Mr. Bulfinch Mr. Sturgis & Capt. Howard a Commee. to act upon the application of Josiah Knap which was referred to the Selectmen by the Town at the late Meeting—they are also to view the piece of Land in Beach Street ordered for Sale by the Town & Report thereon—

The Selectmen agree to meet at Mr. Porters house in Pleasant Street on Saturday next 5. o Clock Afternoon for the purpose of viewing the Street—

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Sturgis Commee. to view Sister Street & make report—

The Board agree to meet at Mr. Sturgis's House on Saturday next 4. o.' Clock Afternoon. to view the Land on Fort-hill, upon the application of Oliver Wendell Esq which was referred to Selectmen by the Town—

Mr. Sturgis to notify Judge Wendell Mr. Hallowell & Mr. Edward Jones to meet the Selectmen on said Hill at the time before mentioned—

The Board proceeded to the choice of an Orator for the 4t. of July next by ballot, & the Votes being taken it appear'd that John Lowell Junr. was unanimously chosen—And the Chairman is desired to acquaint him with the choice—

The Comm^ee. to view Doggets Lane Reported, that the same ought to be repair'd at the Expence of the Abuttors—but that the Drain should be done at the Towns expence also

Voted, that the above Comm^ee. be desired to have said Drain repair'd—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen May 22 1799 Present Messrs. Tilden, Sturgis, Bulfinch, Porter, Sherburne, Cobb, Hancock,

A Schedule of the Expences of the Town for the year 1798 [**276.**] being presented was read & approved of, & Voted that 3000 Copies be printed to be deliver'd to the Inhabitants agreably to the Vote of the Town—

Mr. Sturgis was desired to attend the printing of the same—

Mr. Perez Bryant appeared & stated that the Abuttors on Cold Lane had been all Notified respecting the repair of the Common Sewer, & none having made objection thereto—Liberty was given for opening and repairing the same under the usual regulations & conditions—

Mr. Bryant appeared & applied for liberty to pave a part of the Street leading from Board Alley to Marshalls Lane at their own expence—whereupon Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Howard we[re] desired to view the same and direct the paving thereof—

Mr. Hancock Mr. Porter & Mr. Cobb a Committee to Advertize & make Sale at Auchtion of the Peace of Land in Beach Street applied for by Mr. Knapp conformable to the Vote of the Town at the late Meeting—

Mr. Prebble applied for liberty to build a Tomb in the Common Burying Ground—which was granted on the usual conditions—

The Comm^{ee}. for Leasing the Towns Lands on the Neck Reported that they had leased the same in two portions—the Bull Pasture so called for 39 Dollars to M^{r}. Howe & all the other Lands to M^{r}. Jeremiah Gore for $200. both untill the 20^{t}. of April next—the Conditions expressed in the Lease—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen May 26. 1799—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Hancock, Sherburne, Tileston, Howard, Cobb, Porter, Sturgis

Met at the request of the Board of Health, to confer with respect to late arrivals from the Havanna &^{c}—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 27. 1799 Present Messrs. Tileston, Porter, Bulfinch, Sturgis, Hancock, Cobb, Sherburne, Tilden, Howard

[277.] Passed upon Accounts—

M^{r}. Tileston was desired to view the Latin School & to have such repairs done as may be necessary—

M^{r}. Porter requested to sell a quantity of Iron &^{c}. now in the hands of M^{r}. Thayer, remains of Engine which he has repair'd—

D^{r}. Whipple has leave to open a Drain from his Pump in Howard Street—

M^{r}. Josiah Knap has leave to open a Drain in Howard Street—

M^{r}. Joseph Coolidge has leave to open a Drain to the Common Shore in Milk Street—

M^{r}. Nathaniel Copeland has leave to open the Common Sewer in Wood Lane—all the above under the usual regulations & restrictions—

M^{r}. Tileston added to the Committee who have the care of the Common assigned them—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28 1799 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Sherburne, Porter, Tileston

The Committee appointed on the 22^{d}. Ins^{t}. to make Sale at Auchtion of a piece of Land situate in Beach Street. Reported.—

That they had conferred with the Abuttors upon the said Land & with Persons residing in the Neighbourhood & found that it was the wish of the Abuttors & Neighbours that

M^r^. Josiah Knap might become the purchaser of said Land to enable him to carry into effect his plan of improvement—the Comm^ee^. therefore propose that this Board make Sale of the aforesaid Land to M^r^. Knap & to give him a Deed of the same, agreable to a Vote of the Town passed the 14th. of May instant impowering the Selectmen so to do—

Voted, that the aforegoing Report be accepted & that the Board will sell & dispose of the aforesaid Land to M^r^. Josiah Knap for the Sum of 1600 Dollars being the Sum agreed by him [278.] to give for the same & that this Board will make & execute to him a Deed therefor accordingly—& that M^r^. Porter be requested to inform M^r^. Knap of the aforegoing Vote—

M^r^. Sherburne was desired to draw a proper conveyance for the same—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5—99 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tileston, Sturgis, Sherburne, Cobb, Porter, Howard,

Nathaniel Copeland & William Grubb apply for liberty to open a Common Shore from Fish Street thro' the Town Slip to the Water, in order to repair the same

Ordered, that said Applicants cause all Persons interested in said Common Shore or whose private Drains empty into the same to appear at Wednesday next 4. o Clock Afternoon at the Selectmens Chamber to show cause if any they have why liberty should not be granted according to the Application made for said purpose—

By Order of Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

see form April 12. 1797

M^r^. Clark applied respecting a Tomb in the Granary Burying Ground—

M^r^. Hezekiah Hudson being well recommended is approved of as an Inspector of barrell'd pickled Fish Beef & Pork—

The Deed of Land in Beach Street from the Selectmen in behalf of the Town to M^r^. Josiah Knapp was signed by a majority of the Board—

The Comm^e^. to view Sister Lane reported that some loads of Gravel should be placed there to convey the Water off—the same Comm^ee^. are desired to see the same compleated—

M^r^. Hancock & Porter a Comm^ee^. for repairing Marlborough Newbury Orange & Washington Streets likewise all Streets west & east to the South of Liberty Tree so called.—

[279.] Mr. Tilden & Mr. Tileston a Commee. to repair Streets to the Eastward of the Main Street Ward No. 10

Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Howard all the Streets below the Bridge—

Mr. Bulfinch, Sturgis & Cobb to repair the Streets on the other parts of the Town—

Saturday Morning 6 o'Clock assign'd for the whole Board to visit Lynn Street, to see what repairs shall be done thereon

Mr. Bulfinch Sturgis & Mr. Tileston a Commee. to view the Ground under Faneuil Hall & to Report as to the practibility of digging a Cellar—

Leonard Tearant, bound as an Apprentice to Thomas Clements, with the approbation of the Selectmen—& one of the Indentures to be placed on the File of mix'd Papers—

The Hay-weigher is directed not to weigh any Hay which is not well made & sufficiently dried—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11. 1799 Present Messrs. Sturgis, Howard, Sherburne, Tileston, Hancock, Porter, Bulfinch,

Mr. Joseph Ackley had liberty on the 17. & 18t. of May last to open Drains from his House in Wings Lane & in Hanover Street, under the usual restrictions—

Leonard Tarrant, Indenture with Thomas Clement approved by the Selectmen & one of the Indentur[e]s placed on the file of mix'd Papers—

VOTED, that in testimony of respect to the memory of his late Excellency Govr. Sumner, the Bells be tolled from the hour of 7. to 8 in the Morning of the 12th. Inst. & from 1 to the close of the Funeral—And it is recommended that the Stores & Shops should be shut from 1. o,' Clock, when the tolling of the Bells will commence

[280.] Agreed to visit Rainsfords Island on Thursday the 27t. Day of June Inst.—(Memo. on account of sickness Deer Island is to be visited)—

On application of M^{r}. Ring for liberty to keep a private School for teaching reading, writing, & Arithmetik—liberty was accordingly granted—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen June 19—1799 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Tileston, Sherburne Porter, Hancock, Howard

M^{r}. George James applies for liberty to open & repair a Common Sewer leading through White Bread Alley into Ship Street—whereupon

Ordered, that said Applicant cause all Persons interested in said Common Shore or whose private Drains enter into the same to appear at the Selectmens Chamber on Wednesday the 26 Ins^{t}. 4. o.' Clock Afternoon to show cause if any they have why liberty should not be granted, for the purpose mentioned by the said Applicant—

Att—

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

M^{r}. Makepeace made objections against a Chimney being built in the Engine-house on the Mill Creek as being dangerous to the Neighbourhood - - - - whereupon

M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Sturgis were added to the Comm^{ee}. for enlarging that Engine house—the Comm^{ee}. to act thereon as they may Judge proper—the same Comm^{ee}. desired to enquire into M^{r}. Makepeace right of passage on the Creek.—

Samuel Parkman Esq. applies for liberty to shut up the passage way leading to Greens Wharff during such time as may be necessary for paving the same—Liberty is granted & the Town Clerk is directed to give M^{r}. Parkman a Copy thereof.—

sent p M^{r}. Nazro

The Comm^{e}. of the Common are desired to attend to such repairs of the South School house as they may Judge necessary

[**281.**] On the 17^{t}. Ins^{t}. Charles Cushing Esq applied for liberty to open a Drain from Maj^{r}. Forbes Tavern into Dock Square—Liberty was accordingly granted on the usual conditions—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20^{t}. '99 Present Messrs. Hancock, Tileston, Bulfinch, Howard, Sturgis,

The Selectmen went in a Body to Lyn Street to see what repairs were necessary & to meet the Abuttors for a regulation of the same—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24. '99 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Sturgis Howard, Porter Tileston, Cobb

Passed upon Accounts—

Upon representation from the Fire Wards of the necessity of a number of lengths of new Hose for the several Engines, & recommending that the same should be imported from London—

Voted,

that Samuel Parkman Esq. be requested to import for the use of the Town and at the Towns Expence the following quantity of Engine-hose of the very best quality

8 Hose - - - - -	20 feet long - - - - -	$1\frac{3}{4}$ Inches Diam^{r}. in the clear
8- ditto - - - - -	30 feet - - - - - - -	$1\frac{3}{4}$ d^{o}.
8 ditto	60 feet - - - - - - -	$1\frac{3}{4}$-d^{o}.

On the Petition of Isaac P. Davis for the liberty to extend a platform in addition to his Rope Walk of about 120 yards in length—

Voted, that M^{r}. Davis have liberty to build the Platform as requested on condition that he shall pay at the rate of ten Cents p foot annually as a ground rent for every foot in length which shall exceed the Grant of the Town to the Proprietors of the Ropewalks—the same to be continued at the pleasure of this Board—

sent

Voted, that M^{r}. Codman or M^{r}. Rogers be required to remove the Platform erected by them in addition to their Rope-walk the last Year—

sent

Voted, that the new Engine lately built by M^{r}. [282.] Thayer be placed at the Engine-house in State Street & that the Engine now in State Street be placed at the new Engine-house at West Boston—

Voted, that M^{r}. Gideon French be appointed Master of Engine N°. 13. now ordered to be placed at New Boston & he is desired to furnish a Comp^{y}. therefor, not exceeding fifteen, & to Report their names to this Board for their approbation—

sent by M^{r}. Nazro

The Communications from the Captains of the Engines read & committed to M^{r}. Sturgis, Tileston & Capt. Howard—

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to advertize the Shops belonging to the Town in the Market to be let at Auction on the 1st. Day of July next, for the term of one Year; on the following Conditions—

1st. No Person who is at present in arrears for rent, shall be allowed to bid for any Shop—

2d. No Person shall be allowed to occupy such Shop for the purpose of retailing Liquors of any kind—& should any Person make such use of any of those Shops, he shall be deprived of his Lease—

3d. Payment is to be made to the Town Treasurer Quarterly & security given to his satisfaction for punctual payment—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis, Tileston, Hancock, Porter, Cobb, Sherburne Howard

Passed upon other Accounts—

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Tileston are desired to pave the spot of about 160 yds. of new pavement at the bottom of Sumner Street near Mr. Gorham Parsons House.

Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Howard were desired to confer with the Abutters on Lynn Street & estimate the Expence of opening levelling & paving said Street & to ascertain what part the Town should bear—

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Tileston were desired to attend [283.] the paving of Franklyn Street, to have the same done as soon as may be conformable to new Law—

Mr. John Brown applied for liberty to open a Drain in Back Street—Liberty is granted under the usual restrictions—

The Account of the Expences on opening & repairing the Common Shore leading from Procters Lane to the Town Slip, was laid before the Selectmen & by them examined & allowed—Mr. Nathl. Copeland at the same time informed that he had warned every Person concerned according to Law, & no objection having been enter'd to his proceeding, Assessment was made & an order for payment delivered Mr. Copeland which is as follows—Vizt—

Boston ss: WHEREAS the Drain or Common Shore in Procters Lane in Boston aforesaid has been lately repair'd by Mr. Nathaniel Copeland, the whole Expence whereof according to an account examined by us the Subscribers amounts to two hundred & six

Dollars 22 Cents; and as such Expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter said Common Shore or receive benefit thereby, & in such proportions as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or a major part of them, who are impower'd by Law to apportion the same, And the said Copeland having agreable to a late Law Notified all the concerned before he proceeded upon the Business, and no objection having been made thereto—

Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expence, & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid; Do adjudge that the same be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—Viz^{t}—

	Nathaniel Copeland - - -	1 Drain - -	$8 ,, 56—
	William Grubb - - - -	1 ditto - -	8 ,, 56—
	Capt. Carver - - - - -	1 ditto - -	8 ,, 56
	Samuel White - - - -	1 ditto - -	8 ,, 56
[284.]	John White - - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	David Marston - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Thomas Page - - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	David Darling - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56
	John Cogswell - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56
	Thomas Parker - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Thomas Moor - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56
	Widow Ridgway - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56
	Jonathan Wilds - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Ebenezer Burdet - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56
	Samuel Townsend - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56
	Doctor Isaac Rand - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Turell Tuttle - - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Will: Homer - - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Widow Hickman - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Samuel Lord - - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Jonathan Loring - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	John Jenkins - - - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56
	Thomas & Rowland Christy	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—
	Capt. John Bulkley - - -	1 Drain - -	8 ,, 56—

And we do hereby appoint M^{r}. Nathaniel Copeland to receive of the aforenamed Persons the Sums affixed to their respective Names, and give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
JOHN TILESTON
JOSEPH HOWARD
WILLIAM SHERBURNE
} Selectmen of Boston

Mem^{o}. this Assessment set aside on Account of other Owners of Drains being found—see Aug. 14—

Boston June 26. 1799—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden Hancock Sturgis Sherburne Porter Tileston,

On the 27^{t}. of June last the Selectmen Visited Deer Island, instead of Rainsfords Island, as the Hospital was not free from sickness—found the Island in good order, save that larger ravages had been made by the Sea on the Bluff or [285.] head Land the last Year, than usual,—the Day was pleasant and every thing agreable & the Company returned in season—

Agreed to have a Dinner on Tuesday the 9^{t}. Ins^{t}. as has been usual on the Day of General Visitation of the Publick Schools—

M^{r}. Howard appointed to direct the white washing of the North Schools & any other thing that may be necessary

M^{r}. Porter was desired to have Pleasant Street put in good order by levelling the irregularities & laying gravel on the same—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3^{d}. 1799 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Sturgis Tilden, Tileston, Porter, Hancock, [Porter, sic] Cobb,

The Auchtioneers of last Year apply for the renewal of their Licenses the present Year, and 5. o.'Clock assigned for taking the same into consideration—

see July 29^{t}.

On a representation from D^{r}. Joshua Thomas that the performance of military duty was incompatible with his business as a Physician & Surgeon—Voted that in the opinion of the Board it is expedient D^{r}. Thomas should be exempted from the performance of military duty—

M^{r}. Roger Bartlett objects to the Common Shore in White Bread Alley being opened & to bearing any proportion of the expence, as he supposes the obstruction in the Sewer arises wholly from the Buildings of M^{r}. George & Joseph James—also objection made in behalf of the Widow Hayward in the same House—

M^{r}. Perkins has liberty to retail Spirits in the Shop lately hired by him of the Town near the Market—any former Vote to the contrary notwithstanding—

On application of Major Wild for a Gun-house to be built at the expence of the Town—Voted that this Board do not consider themselves as authorized to build the Gun-house as requested

[286.] Voted, that Mr. Sherburne be desired to enquire into the cost of ye. Gun-house lately built at Cops-hill & to Report at the next Meeting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen July 11. 1799 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Hancock Tileston, Porter, Howard, Sherburne Tilden

Upon representation from the Committee for paving Newbury Street & Orange Street that several Abuttors on these Streets were persons in indigent circumstances & unable to pay the expence of paving the foot walk, conformably to the late Law—Voted that the said Committee be impowered to compleat the foot walk in front of the Lots of Mr. Hunt & Polly Yorkees in Newbury Street & Mr. Simpson in Orange Street, at the expence of the Town—the two former having lost their Houses & Property at the late Fire—The same Committee was impower'd to new pave a piece of pavement of about 200 Yards in Orange Street near Pleasant Street

On complaints against Capt. Watts of encroaching upon the Street called Snow hill Street—Mr. Sherburne is desired to enquire into the same & to determine thereon as should appear to him Just, after examining the Deeds of the Abuttors &c—

Mr. Bulfinch & Mr. Tilden a Commee. to prepare the Accounts against the State for their proportion of the expence of the sickness at Rainsford Island last Year

Mr. Crosby applies for liberty to open a Drain in Newbury Street—liberty is granted on the usual restrictions—

Mr. Stevenson, May & Lewis continued as Assistants in the Office of Police for the month ensuing

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen July 15— 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hancock, Sherburne Sturgis, Tileston, Porter, Howard Tilden Cobb

The young Men of Boston having by their Committee [287.] requested of the Selectmen permission to have the Bells of the Town rung from 6. to ½ past 7. o.'Clock on the Morning of the 17t. Inst. in commemoration of that act of their Governmt. which absolved America from those ties which France by her unprincipled conduct had proved on her part to be no longer obligatory—

Voted, unanimously that in compliance with the request of the young Men of Boston as expressed by their Committee—they have permission to have the Bells rung on the Morning of the 17t. Inst. for one hour—

sent

Mr. Tileston desired to have a form made for the Centre Reading School—also that the South Writing School be white washed if in his opinion, it is necessary—

Mr. Foster the Hayward is directed to have two of the Town Bulls confined, which have been complained of as being unruly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 16. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Sturgis, Tileston, Cobb, Sherburne,

Committee for repairs of pavement at north part of the Town are desired to have the Town slip paved leading from Fish Street near Dr. Mountfords—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 24t—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Tilden, Sturgis, Hancock, Sherburne, Porter, Howard

Next Fryday assign'd for acting upon the List of Persons licensed the last year—3.o.Clock P: M:

Wednesday next assigned to examine the Accounts of Mr. Copeland, for repairing the Common Sewer in Procters Lane Mr. Copeland and the Abutters notified to attend—

Mr. Hitchborn chosen Sealer of Wood for the Wharves North of the Mill Creek—

sworn

Mr. Daniel Sargeant Junr. ditto. for Wharves South of the Mill Creek to Sears Wharff—

sworn

Mr. William Andrews ditto for the Wharves South of Sears Wharff—the above choice to be published—

sworn

all were serv'd with Copys

[288.] Mr. William Hitchborn chosen Surveyer of Onions —and was sworn by the Town Clerk

sent

Mr. Frothingham has liberty to open a drain from Marshalls Lane to Mill Creek—on the usual conditions

The Captain of the State Street Engine is directed to take the new Engine from Mr. Thayers in Washington Street to be placed in the State Street Engine-house, provided that House should be found large enough to receive it—He is also desired to Notify

Capt. French of West Boston to be present in State Street with his Company to receive & take charge of the Engine appropriated to them—N°. 13

sent

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Tileston are desired to view Pecks Alley, & to have the Fence removed, said to be on the Towns Land and to act as their Judgment may direct, relative to repairing said Alley

The above Committee are also desired to have a Wooden head, built to the Dock at the end of South Street; for the purpose of having the same Dock filled up—

Mr. Sherbune & Mr. Howard are desired to view the Alley leading from Prince Street to north of Bennet Street—to have the Fence removed said to be on the Towns Land, & to make what repairs in their Judgment may be necessary

The above Commee. are also requested to have the Planks replaced in Clarks Alley & to make such other Repairs as they may think necessary

The Committee for Repairs of the Centre of the Town are desired to view the bottom of Water Street near Olivers Dock, to see what may be necessary to carry off the Water & to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen July 26. 1799 Present Messrs. Tileston, Bulfinch, Sherburne Tilden, Porter, Hancock, Sturgis, Cobb, Howard

Passed upon the List of Persons licensed as Inholders & Retailers the last Year & a return made thereon to the Justices of the Court of Sessions, as p list to be placed on [**289.**] the file of mixt Papers—

Mr. Tilden desired to furnish the Public Schools with Firewood for the present Year; nine Cords being allow'd to each School except the Latin Grammar School, which is allow'd six Cords—

The Sealers of Wood allowed three Cents p Cord for all Wood measured by them—

Upon considering the expediency of having a Chimney built at the Engine House over the Mill Creek, it was Voted that no Chimney be built therein—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29. 1799 Present Messrs. Tilden, Tileston, Hancock, Sturgis, Bulfinch, Howard Porter.

The following Persons were at a special Meeting called for the purpose, on the 3d. of July Inst. approved of as Auchtioneers for the Town of Boston by the Selectmen, and Licenses were signed, & delivered to the Town Clerk for such of them as should pay for the same—

Viz.—

Messrs.	Thomas Kilbey Jones—	Messrs.	Robert Gardner
	x Lewis Hoyt		Thomas Fisher
	Samuel Clap		John Perkins
	x Timothy Wiggin		Thomas Clark
	Benjamin Wiggin		John W. Quincy
	x Appleton Prentice		x William Alline
	John Badger		Robert G. Shaw
	John B. Green		x William Cleland
	Samuel Bradford		Thomas Stickney
	William Eustis		x John W. Fulsome
	Joshua Eaton		

Passed upon Accounts

[290.] Mr. Asa Hammand has liberty to place a Post to hang Beam & Scales at the Store North side the Market lately occupied by Edward Brinley—

The following was ordered to be printed

Caution and request—

It having been represented that the practice of proving Cannon at the bottom of the Common has become frequent whereby the lives of the Inhabitants have been endangerd

And as many Persons are guilty of firing Guns upon the Neck & in other places—

The Selectmen hereby caution the Inhabitants & others from firing Guns on the Common, or on Boston Neck, or in any of the Streets wharves or other parts of the Town—

All Officers of the Town & other Citizens are requested to give information to the Superintendent of Police of any Offenders, that they may be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the Law—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31— '99 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hancock, Sherburne, Porter, Howard, Sturgis, Tileston, Cobb,

Passed upon other Accounts—

The following was order'd to be printed—

Twenty Dollars reward—

Whereas some Persons have taken away Lighter loads of Stones from Deer Island, by reason whereof said Island is more exposed to the Inroads of the Sea & in danger of being wholly destroyed & the Harbour in consequence materially injured. For prevention of this Evil the Selectmen of the Town of Boston hereby offer a reward of twenty Dollars to any one who shall give information of any Person or Persons who may take away Stones or Ballast from said Island on conviction of the Offender.

By order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Augt. 1. 1799—

Upon representation from the Abutters upon the Common Sewer in Procters Lane of some errors in M^{r}. Copelands Account of [**291.**] the expence of opening & repairing the same—Voted that M^{r}. Copeland with some Person appointed on the part of the Abutters be desired to measure the Pavement—also that M^{r}. Copeland & the aforesaid Person in behalf of the Abutters be desired to give in a List of Persons who ought to be Assessed for the repairs—

The Committee on the Common impower'd to confer with John Jay Esq respecting laying out a Street through his Land; agreable to application from H. G. Otis & Jonathan Mason Esq. & to take measures for effecting the same.

The Comm^{ee}. to whom was referred the application from the Masters of the Engines reported a particular answer to this application, which was accepted, and an attested Copy was directed to be sent to M^{r}. Parmenter—& the same was sent. Communication & Report have been placed on the file of mix'd Papers—

Voted, unanimously that One thousand Dollars be appropriated for the opening regulating & paving of Lynn Street; to be paid to the Committee of the Proprietors of that Street upon its being compleated to the satisfaction of the Selectmen—

M^{r}. Bulfinch M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Cobb added to the Comm^{ee}. on Purchase Street to confer with the Abuttors & determine what is expedient to be done for regulating & paving said Street—

Wednesday next assigned to consider the Applications for new Licenses—

Saturday next 4. o.'Clock P. M: is appointed for the Selectmen to meet on the Neck to view the Dike & determine what repairs may be necessary—

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen August 7t. 1799 Present Messrs. Hancock Tileston Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Sherburne, Cobb,

J. Smith Boies, applies for liberty to open a Drain leading from his House near Boston Stone into the Common Shore—Liberty was accordingly granted on the usual Conditions—

[292.] John Williams bound Apprentice to Nathaniel Chadwick, with the approbation of the Selectmen and one of the Indentures placed in the File of mixt Papers of the Selectmen—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 9—1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch Tilden Howard, Tileston, Cobb, Sturgis Porter, Hancock

Passed upon the applications for Licenses as Inholders & Retailers & return made to the Justices of the Sessions of such as were approved of for the Year ensuing

Mr. William Marshall & Ezra Whitney have liberty to build a Tomb in the South Burial Ground on the usual Conditions—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 14. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Hancock Porter Howard Sherburne, Cobb, Tileston,

The Account of the Expences in opening and repairing the Common Shore leading from Procters Lane to the Town Slip, was laid before the Selectmen & by them examined & allowed, Mr. Nathaniel Copeland at the same time informed that he had warned every Person concerned according to Law, & and no objection having been entred to his proceeding, Assessment was made & an order for payment deliver'd Mr. Copeland, which is as follows Vizt.—

Boston ss:

WHEREAS the Drain or Common Shore in Procters Lane in Boston aforesaid has been lately repaired by Mr. Nathaniel Copeland, the whole Expence whereof according to an account examined by us the Subscribers amounts to one hundred ninety eight Dollars & 8 Cents; and as such Expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter said Common Shore or receive benefit thereby, & in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or a major part of them, who are impower d by Law to apportion the same & the said Copeland having agreable to a late Law, Notified all the concerned before he proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—

Therefore

[**293.**] We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify, that having considered of said Expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid Do Adjudge that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the Persons hereafter named—vizt.—

Nathaniel Copeland	1 Drain	$.7,,7—
William Grubb	1 Drain	7,,7
Capt. Carver	1 Drain	7,,7
Samuel White	1 Drain	7,,7
John White	1 Drain	7,,7
David Marston	1 Drain	7,,7
Thomas Page	1 Drain	7,,7
David Darling	1 Drain	7,,7
John Coggswell	1 Drain	7,,7
Thomas Parker	1 Drain	7,,7
Thomas Moor	1 Drain	7,,7
Widow Ridgway	1 Drain	7,,7—
Jonathan Wilds	1 Drain	7,,7
Ebenezer Burdet	1 Drain	7,,7
Samuel Townsend	1 Drain	7,,7
D^{r}. Isaac Rand	1 Drain	7,,7
Turrell Tuttle	1 Drain	7,,7
William Homer	2 Drain	14,,14
Widow Hickman	1 Drain	7,,7—
Samuel Lord	1 Drain	7,,7
John Jenkins	1 Drain	7,,7
Thomas & Rowland Christy	1 Drain	7,,7
Capt. John Buckley	1 Drain	7,,7
Widow Drewet	1 Drain	7,,7
Widow Hopkins	1 Drain	7,,7
Miss Marble	1 Drain	7,,7
Jonathan Loring	1 Drain	7,,7—

And we do hereby appoint M^{r}. Nath^{n}. Copeland to receive of the aforem^{d} Persons the Sums affix'd to their respective Names & give discharges therefor

Boston Augt. 14. 1799—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
RUSSELL STURGIS
JOSEPH HOWARD
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON—
} Selectmen of Boston

[**294.**] The Petition from the Wood Wharfingers was read & their Committee heard upon the subject after discussion

Voted, that the further consideration of this subject be postponed to Wednesday next—

An application being read from the Agents for building the new State house, requesting that a division may be had respecting the new Street, proposed to be laid out back of the State-house—

Voted,

that the whole Board will proceed on Monday Morning at 8. o.'Clock to lay out the said Street & that the Proprietors of the Land & the Agents for the new State-house, be desired to attend.—

Voted, that the Board will then proceed to lay open the North End of Leaveret Street, & that the Proprietors of the Building which now incumbers the same be desired to attend at 10. o.'Clock—

Voted that the Board will attend to widen the Southerly part of Back Street & the Proprietors of the Buildings proposed to be removed be desir'd to attend—

Voted, that the Board think it expedient that the Street called blind Lane should be widened, & will attend to lay out the same—

Voted, that Six hundred Dollars be appropriated for the paving Purchase Street beginging at the Pavement by the House of William Boardman & to meet the Pavement by the House occupied by J. Green—the same to be paid when compleated to the satisfaction of the Selectmen; & it is recommended to the Abuttors to choose a Committee of their number to have the same effected, under the direction of the Selectmen—

Whereas the Town at a late Meeting granted the Petition of the Company of Artillery, that they might erect a Gun-house at the bottom of the Common adjoining the East Wall of the Burying Ground, & the Committee of said Company requesting that it might be placed at the North End of the said Wall—the Board after full consideration—

Voted, that the Gun house be erected at the North End of the East Wall of the Burying Ground, agreable to their request—

[**295.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 21–'99 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Sturgis, Cobb, Hancock, Porter, Howard, Sherburne

The Chairman & M^{r}. Cobb a Committee to arrange with M^{r}. Amory the terms of reference respecting Leaveret Street conformable to Minutes agreed upon by the Board

The Chairman & Mr. Strugis Committee to confer with the Agents for building the new Alms-house respecting the propriety of advertising the Township of Land granted to the Town—and to Report the form of Advertizement—

Voted, to allow sixty six Dollars in addition to the grant for the paving of Purchase Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26–1799 Present Messrs. Tilden, Porter, Tyleston, Sturgis, Cobb, Sherburne, Howard, Hancock,

Passed upon Accounts—

Voted, that Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Howard inform Mr. Steele now occupying an old House in Back Street, that the Selectmen intend to take down that House, & he is desired to remove from there immediately—

Mr. Sturgis Mr. Tileston & Mr. Cobb, a Commee. to enquire into the terms of widening Blind Lane to confer with the Abuttors & to Report thereon—

Voted, that the Thanks of this Board in behalf of the Town be presented to Harrison G. Otis Esq. for his conduct at the late tryal at Dedham before the Supreme Judicial Court, for his unsolicited & voluntary exercions to establish the power of the Town & of its Officers in the regulation of the Market, a subject in which the Town as a Corporate Body & as Individuals are so nearly interested—

sent.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 28. 1799 Present Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Sturgis, Sherburne, Porter,

On representation from Mr. Foster that one of the Town Bulls was unruly & dangerous to run at large—he had directions to have the same killed for the use of the Alms-house—

[296.] Mr. Thomas Barber represented that Benjn. Robinson an Apprentice bound to him by the Selectmen had absconded from him & enlisted on board the Constitution Frigate, that he had gone on board to claim, but the Captain had refused to release him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Sepr. 2 1799 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Hancock, Tileston, Sherburne, Sturgis, Howard, Porter

Five Extra Jurymen chosen for S. J. C. & entred into the Jury Books—

In the Afternoon proceeded to stake out Cambridge Street leading to Bowdoins Square, according to a Plan lodged in the Selectmens Room—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Septem^{r}. 4. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch Sturgis Hancock Sherburne Howard, Cobb,

A special Meeting warned to take into consideration the application of M^{r}. Daniel Wild for being appointed an Auchtioneer—

3. o.Clock P: M: Daniel Wild, agreable to his application is appointed an Auchtioneer for the Town of Boston—

Voted, that the Engine now placed at State Street be numbered 5. & retain the name of Marlborough to conform to their minutes & records—an that the Engine at West Boston be numbered 13. & named President Adams & M^{r}. Sturgis is desired to have these Votes carried into effect

M^{r}. Cobb, Sherburne & Bulfinch are a Committee to draw up a subscription Paper for receiving money to defrey the Expence of widening Quaker Lane—

M^{r}. Tukesbury allowed one thousand feet of Boards 4 thous^{d}. Shingles one thousand 10^{d}. Nails & 4. m. 4^{d}. Nails for repairs on the Barn & Wall on Deer Island—the expence to be paid by him out of the Rent—

Upon application from M^{r}. Beals for liberty [**297.**] to take off Ballast from Deer Island—

Voted, unanimously, that no Person be allowed to take Stones & Ballast from any part of the Island

Messrs. Manning & Loring to have the printing of the Notifications for the Town Meeting about to be called.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 11. 1799—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Tyleston Hancock Sherburne, Howard, Cobb Porter

The Chairman & M^{r}. Sherburne appointed to procure a List of the Inhabitants for the Jury Boxes, from the Assessors

Voted, that the Town Meeting be postponed to Wednesday 25^{t}. Ins^{t}.—

Maj^{r}. Tilden, M^{r}. Tileston & M^{r}. Cobb a Committee to view Board Alley & Report the Expences that may be necessary—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r} 18 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tileston, Cobb, Sherburne,

Not enough to make a Board—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 19. 1799 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Tileston, Sherburne, Porter, Cobb,

Warrant for Town Meeting next Wednesday the 25 of Septem^{r}. Ins^{t}. 10. o Clock—this Day issued—

Manning & Loring to have the printing of the Notifications—

Voted, to procure a List of the Inhabitants for the Jury Boxes from the Assessors—they to be allowed fifty Dollars for this service—

M^{r}. Gawen Brown has liberty to open the Common Sewer in Willsons Lane for the purpose of repairing the same—he to notify the Abuttors according to Law—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Sepr. 25 1799—Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Hancock Howard Sherburne Tileston Porter

[**298.**] In compliance with the Vote of the Town of this Day enjoining the Selectmen to proceed to open Quaker Lane

Voted, That the Chairman & M^{r}. Sturgis be desired to take a Subscription Paper for the purpose of obtaining monies in part for that object—& that Papers of the same nature be given to Major Hawes & M^{r}. Brooks & their assistance be requested in obtaining Subscriptions—

Judge Minot apply'd for liberty to open a Drain into the Common Sewer in Spring Lane—which was granted on the usual conditions—

General Eliot has liberty to build a Tomb in the Common Burying Ground, on the usual conditions—

The Comm^{ee}. on Franklin Street are authorised to have a Gutter paved from said Street, through Franklin place—

Voted, that fifteen hundred Dollars be appropriated on the part of the Town towards opening Quaker Lane—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 30th. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Tileston, Porter, Howard Cobb Hancock Sherburne

Passed upon Accounts—

James Thompson Collecto [r] proposes Isaiah Doane & Eben^{r}. Parsons Esq. as his Bondsmen for 1799, which were approved of—

see October 17—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 2^{d}. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden Tileston, Sturgis, Porter, Sherburne Hancock, Howard, Cobb,

Passed upon other Accounts

3 Grand Jurors & 4 petit Jurors drawn out of Box. & posted in Jury Books—

M^{r}. Howard & M^{r}. Sherburne desired to view the Pump in the North Square, to see what repairs are wanting & to Report

M^{r}. Howard & M^{r}. Cobb a Comm^{ee}. to enquire the price of Oil & at what rate & terms a quantity may be procured for the use of [**299.**] the Town the ensuing season—

Voted, that M^{r}. Howard may be desired to take upon himself the charge of superintending the Lamps the present Year—also—That the Lamps be lighted 6 months & 18 Nights in each month & that he be desired to take measures to procure Lamp Lighters & to lay an estimate of the Expence before the Board—

M^{r}. John Morgan approved as a Watchman to fill the vacancy in the Market Watch—

The Chairman M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Cobb, to consider the state of the Market, what improvements are expedient & to make Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 9 1799 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Hancock, Tileston, Porter, Howard, Cobb,

John Saunders bound to William James with the approbation of the Selectmen as an Apprentice—as by a Copy of the Indentures on file of mix'd Papers—

Voted, that the Honble. Thomas Dawes, Stephen Gorham Joseph Coolidge Esq^{rs} be proposed to the Proprietors of Wood-

wards Wharff so called to decide the Question of the Towns Claims on the Proprietors for the Dock filled up by them—

Scipio Adams applied for a Badge as a Chimney Sweeper which was granted—

Voted, that when the Comm^{ee}. appointed to Collect Subscriptions for paving Quaker Lane shall be ascertained of the Sum of 1000 Dollars they may be authorized to commence the Improvement—

The Comm^{ee}. appointed to consider the state of the Market & to Report any improvement that may be necessary reported the expediency of carrying into effect the Plan adopted by the Town in 1791—which report is on the file of mix d Papers—

Voted unanimously—that the Report be accepted & the Comm^{ee}. is desired to carry the same into immediate effect.

[**300.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Octo^{r}. 17. 1799 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis Sherburne Cobb Tileston, Porter, Hancock Howard

The Collectors offer'd the following Persons as their Bondsmen for the present Year—vizt.—

M^{r}. Bayley—presents James Bayley & Henry Bass—approved
M^{r}. Thompson – – – Isaiah Doane & Eben^{r}. Parsons Esq- approved
M^{r}. Henderson – – – Enoch James & Thomas Parker–approved
M^{r}. Jepson – – – – Joseph Callender & Benjn. Sumner–approved

The Chairman is desired to apply to William Cushing Esq Judge of the Circuit Court that he would excuse M^{r}. Wheeler from service as a Grand Juror at the next Court

Monday next P: M: Assigned for regulating the Jury Box

M^{r}. Sherburne & M^{r}. Howard the Comm^{ee}. upon Lyn Street are desired to take measures for removing the remaining obstruction in that Street & to settle the Claims of the Abuttors as they shall Judge best—

M^{r}. Timothy Goodwin made complaint against Chandler one of the market watch for abuse on the night of the 15 Ins^{t}.—M^{r}. Goodwin and M^{r}. Chandler were heard & on consideration Voted. That all the Members of the said Watch be directed to appear before the Board on Wednesday next

M^r^. Cooper was directed to deliver to the Collectors their Certificates upon the Bonds being Compleated—

On application of Capt. Prince & M^r^. Sumner that some Gravel may be laid in Chambers Street—agreed that the amount of forty Dollars be laid out on that object

The Engine-hose imported from London—to be placed under the direction of the Fire-Wards to be distributed to the several Engines of the Town's—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 21. 1799 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Howard, Tileston Hancock Sherburne

The Selectmen met on the business of regulating the Jury Box—

[**301.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r^. 23^d^ A: M: Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard Hancock Porter Tileston

The Selectmen met again on the business of regulating the Jury Box—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 23^d^. 1799 P. M Present Messrs: Tilden, Howard, Tileston, Bulfinch, Porter, Hancock, Sherburne Cobb Sturgis—

Voted unanimously that all the Bells be directed to be rung on the Morning of Wednesday the 30^t^. Ins^t^. from the hour of seven to Eight in honor of the Birth Day of the President of the United States—

Upon the complaint of M^r^. Tim^o^. Goodwin for the insult & abuse offer'd him on the Night of the 15 Ins^t^. by Benjamin Chandler one of the Watchman—The Board having heard the Parties respectively & taking into consideration the difficulty of executing the Office of Watchman, with caution, impartiality & a due regard to the Duties incumbent on him are of Opinion that M^r^. Chandler acted consistently with his duty in questioning & examining M^r^. Goodwin; but that he exceeded the duty enjoined him by the Board on his appointment, in detaining him after he became acquainted with him; And that M^r^. Chandler be directed that in future he exercise every degree of prudence that is necessary while in the execution of his dutys so as not to give future occasion for the like complaint—

sent Copies to each—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 28t. 1799 Present Mess: Tilden Howard, Porter Hancock Tileston, Sherburne, Sturgis, Cobb,

Passed upon Accounts

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 6 1799 Present Messrs. Tilden, Tileston, Sturgis, Bulfinch, Hancock, Porter, Howard, Cobb,

Mr. Foster directed to have the two Bulls now in keeping who are not of service killed for the use of the Alms house & to purchase one belonging to Mr. Wells, paying twenty Dollars for the same—

[302.] On application from the Judge of Probates Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Howard are a Commee. to enquire into the situation & circumstances of Eunice Holland represented to be a Non Compos—

The Commee. for opening the entrance of Quaker Lane directed to proceed upon that business next Monday Morning—

The Board proceeded to act upon the business of Mr. Thomas Boylstons Donation & bequest to the Town, which was referred to the Board by the Town and came to the choice of the following Persons as Agents in behalf of the Town, in England—viz t—
Christopher Gore George Erving Samuel Williams, Esquires—also

Voted, that George Richd. Minot & William Sherburne Esquires be desired to make a draught of such Papers as may be necessary to empower the Agents & of a Letter to accompany the same from the Selectmen

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Tileston & Mr. Sturgis Commee to meet the referrees respecting the Towns Claim to Olivers Dock—

Mr. Tileston desired to have the Cellar Doors to the Centre School-house, repaired—

Voted that a quantity of Gravel & Stone to the amount of 50 Dollars be carried into the Easterly part of Essex Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 12–1799 Present Mess: Tilden Sturgis Howard Tileston Porter, Cobb, Bulfinch

Richard Edwards applies for liberty to open a Drain North side of Market Square

The principal business of the Meeting was to examine sign & execute the necessary Writings to be forwarded the Agents appointed in England relative to Mr. Thoms Boylstons Donation to the Town—

[**303.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 13th. Present Messrs: Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Porter Tileston, Cobb,

Mr. Foster Reports that he has killed two of the Town Bulls and deliver'd them to Capt. Freeman for the use of the Alms house—

Mr. Sturgis is requested to contract with Lewis Gorham for paving Stones for the Town at 20 Cents p Yard

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 20. 1799 Present Messrs. Tilden, Tileston, Sturgis, Porter, Bulfinch, Cobb,

The following Persons are appointed Sweeps for this Town on the conditions mentioned in their Certificates vizt—

Martin Birkes
Jonas Barker
Cesar Capen
Scipeon Adams
William Robinson
Michael Williams
Daniel D. Briton
Thomas Williby
John Fairfield
Charles Wyman
Harry Williams & } Boys of Willibys &
Thomas Smith } he accountable

An Advertizement relative to Lamps, & Lamp lighters & a reward offer'd for the information of Selectmen of ten Dollars as p Copy on file of mix'd Papers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 25. 1799— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis Tileston, Porter—

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Novr. 27. 1799 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Howard, Hancock, Bates

Passed upon other Accounts

Upon considering the application of Daniel D. Rogers Esq that the Selectmen would direct a Wall to be built to secure his Ground & Fence abutting upon Centry Street, where said Street, has [**304.**] been dug away; and this application appearing to involve questions of great importance to the Town

Voted, that the Chairman be a Committee to confer with the Honble. James Sullivan Esq. & John Lowell Junr. Esqr. respecting the rights of the Town as Surveyers of High Ways in this and similar Instances, and to Report their opinion—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r^. 4–'99 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Porter, Sturgis, Howard

Voted, to Advertize, the Township granted the Town by the Genearal Court for Sale—

M^r^. Thomas Farrington chosen a Sealer of Wood brought into this Town by Land—

The opinions of James Sullivan & John Lowell Junr. Esquires respecting the rights of Surveyers of High Ways in regulating the Streets, were read & are as follows—Viz^t^.—

We understand centry street to be an ancient way, allowed by the town, the proof of which is shown by the Records or lists on ancient reputation. We know of no law of the Commonwealth or principle of common law on which M^r^. Rogers can compel the Town to erect a defensive wall where the way is dug, or on which he can recover damages for an injury by his land being washed down—he can make a wall on his own land if one is necessary to him—or as an accommodation to his case—the Selectmen can, if they please, allow him to support one on the verge of the Street against the bank if he chooses to make one there—

JAMES SULLIVAN
JOHN LOWELL JUN^r^.

I am of opinion that the Selectmen as Surveyers of the high ways have a right to dig up any Earth or other materials so as to make them convenient for passing without being in any degree responsible or rendering the Town responsible for any injury or inconvenience which may result therefrom to the Abuttors on such high ways

JOHN LOWELL JUN^r^.

The [**305.**] Chairman is desired to communicate the 'foregoing to M^r^. Rogers—

On the application of Jeremiah Allen Esq. that a head Wharff or Abutment might be built at the intersection of Cambridge Street & Grove Street adjoining West Boston Bridge

Voted, that the sum of thirteen Dollars be allowed on the part of the Town, the Proprietors of the Bridge engaging to find all the Materials that may be wanted, & J. Allen Esq. to pay 17— Dollars to compleat the said Wharff or Abuttment—The Proprietors of the Bridge & J. Allen Esq. to obtain no special privileges or right that may be made in the Land, the same being wholly a Town Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 11. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Sturgis, Hancock, Porter, Howard, Tileston,

This Day met the Selectmen of Roxbury at the boundary Line of said Town & Boston—and perambulated the same; viewed the Land marks; and signed Duplicates of proceedings one of which is on the file of mix'd Papers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 18. 1799— Present Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis Hancock, Porter, Howard Tileston Sherburne,

William Waters appointed an inspector of pickled barreld Fish Pork & Beef, for the remainder of the Year, & was sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust by the Town Clerk for the remainder of the Year—

A Letter from James Sullivan Esq was read presenting to the Town a piece of Land adjoining to Bishops Alley 238 f long & 8 - - - 4 Inches wide, for the purpose of widening the Street— whereupon

Voted to accept the above piece of Land, & that the Street which is so improved, shall in future be called & known by the name of Hawley Street—

Voted, that the Lamps be lighted eighteen Nights in each month after the present lighting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 24.–1799 Present Messrs: Hancock Howard, Sherburne, Tileston Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Sturgis

A request received from a number of Persons that [306.] a Meeting of the Town be called to determine what mode to adopt as to the disposal of the Old State-house—

Ordered, that a Warrant be issued for a Town Meeting on the 30t. Inst. more especially to consider what measures shall be taken by the Town on occasion of the sorrowful & distressing event, of the Death of the late Lieut. General GEORGE WASHINGTON— In testimony of the *high respect & esteem* of his Fellow Citizens for so illustrious a Character

Voted, that Manning & Loring have the printing of the Notifications for said Meeting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 30. 1799 Present Messrs. Bulfinch Sturgis, Hancock Tilden Tileston Porter Sherburne Howard Cobb

Passed upon Accounts—

The Selectmen as a Commee. met relative to adopting a mode to express the feelings of the Inhabitants & the highest respect to the memory of so illustrious a Character as Washingtons

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 1. 1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Sturgis Sherburne Tileston Hancock

Passed upon Other Accounts—

The Account of the Expences of repairing the Common Shore in Willsons Lane was laid before the Selectmen & by them adjusted—the same amounting to $357 Dollars 37 Cents & there being 16 Shares, at 22. 33½. p share Mr. Gawen Brown was appointed to collect the same and give discharges, all which will more fully appear by the Papers on file—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen January 8th. 1800— Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Hancock, Howard, Tileston, Sturgis, Sherburne

Nothing transacted, which was matter of Record—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 15. 1800 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Howard Porter Tileston, Sherburne, Hancock Sturgis Cobb.

[**307.**] Daniel D. Rogers Esq being desirous of referring the question of the right of the Town to dig down the Street West of his Land, to the opinion of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court—The Board considering that their proceedings have been regular & authorized by the Law decline taking any further measures thereon.—

Voted, That the several Persons who are indebted by Bond or otherwise to the Estate of M^rs^. Joanna Brooker, be called upon to pay the amount of their several obligations, & upon default thereof, the Treasurer is directed to put the same in suit at the next April Court—also—Voted, that the Sum so received be vested in the eight p Cent Funds of the United States—

Voted, that the Chairman & M^r^. Sherburne be a Committee to apply to the General Court for a revision of the Law directing the mode of choosing Sealers of Weights & Measures

Voted, that an Advertizement be inserted in the Papers desiring the Inhabitants not to purchase any Hay that is not weighed at the Town Scales.— sent

Voted, that Wednesday next be assigned to come to the choice of a Town Cryer—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 22. 1800—Present Messrs. Tilden Tileston, Porter, Sherburne, Bulfinch, Hancock,—

On the application of the Holders of Stalls in Faneuil Hall Markethouse—M^r^. Tileston appointed to have the Doors & Windows repaired & any holes on the Floor & elsewhere—

This time being assigned for a choice of a Cryer—the Board proceeded to choose by Ballot—and the Votes being taken it appeared, that M^r^. Samuel Adams was chosen—

On application from Daniel D. Rogers Esq that the Question of the Towns right to dig down the ground next to his land, be brought before the Court of Common pleas, to be legally carried before the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court for their decision

Voted, that the Board give their consent to the same & the Chairman is desired to ask M^r^. Lowell to attend to the [308.] Business on the part of the Town—

Voted, On the application of the Abuttors upon Hutchinson Street—that the same shall in future be called—*Pearl Street*—

Voted, that on the application of the Abuttors on Quaker Lane & Dalton Street—the same shall in future be called CONGRESS STREET—

Voted, that on the application of the Abutters on Beer Lane or Bridges Lane—the same shall in future be called RICHMOND STREET—

Voted, that M^r^. Porter be a Comm^ee^. to have a fence built at the head of the Dock at the bottom of Rainsfords Lane at the expence of the Abutters

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 27. 1800 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Hancock Porter Sherburne Tileston Cobb

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 29. 1800—Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hancock Porter, Howard, Sherburne, Sturgis,

Passed upon other Accounts—

The Comm^{ee}. to revise the law regulating weights & measures & directing the mode of appointing *Sealers* Reported the draught of a Bill comprising all the old Laws & making some alterations —also

The draught of a Letter to the Representatives of this Town, requesting them to endeaver to obtain a Law accordingly—further Voted, that the Chairman furnish our Representatives with Copies of the Bill to be presented

Voted, that M^{r}. Foster the Hay weigher be desired to bring in his Accounts on Wednesday next for settlement

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 5–1800 Present Messrs. Tilden Porter Hancock Tileston Howard, Bulfinch,

Jurors for S. J. C. drawn & posted—

[**309.**] Upon application from the Marshalls appointed by the Committee of Legislature to arrange the ceremonies of the 8^{t}. Ins^{t}.—Voted, that the Bells of the several Churches in the Town be tolled on the 8^{t}. Ins^{t}. as requested, at the expence of the State—

Upon application of the Committee of the Grand Lodge that the Bells may be tolled on the 11^{t}. Ins^{t}.

Voted that their request be complied with & at their Expence—both the days being devoted to testimonies of respect to the memory of the late General Washington—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 12. 1800—Present Messrs. Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Sherburne Porter Hancock Tileston

Upon application of the Abutters on a new Street west of Jeffrie & Russells Ropewalk & running parallel thereto—

Voted, that the said Street shall be called & known by the name of Poplar Street—

Examined the returns of the Captains of the Engines of the number of Men, & found several that exceeded the number allowed by Law—whereupon

Voted, that the Captains of Engines that exceed the number vizt.—N°. 1. 2. 3. 4. 7 & 9th. be desired to attend on Wednesday next—

Complaint made of Thomas Green for taken Ballast from Deer Island—against the Order of the Board—also of M^{r}. Kingsbury for allowing & aiding M^{r}. Beals in taking Ballast from the same place—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 19 1800—Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Sherburne Porter, Tileston, Hancock,

An invitation from the President & Trustees of the Mechanic Association was received, requesting the Company of the Selectmen at the Oration to be deliver'd before the Mechanic Interest [Institute] on the 22^{d}. Ins^{t}.—

Voted, that the Selectmen will attend as requested

Whereas the number of Engine-men directed by the law of March 1785. to be appointed by the Selectmen to the several **[310.]** Engines has been found in some instances inadequate to the services required—Voted that our Representatives be desired to bring in a Bill at the present Session of the General Court to impower the Selectmen to increase the number of Engine-men to the several Engines as to them may appear necessary—also, that the Engine-men be in future exempted from the performance of the duty of Jurors

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 24. 1800—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Porter Sherburne, Tileston, Howard, Cobb, Hancock

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 26. 1800—Present Mess· Tilden, Porter, Sherburne, Tileston Bulfinch, Hancock,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Return was made from M^{r}. Salisbury of the expence attending the repairs of the Common Shore in Summer Street—and Order

passed, that the same be Assessed on the Persons interested as follows—Viz^{t}.—

The Accompt of the Expences in opening & repairing the Common Shore in Summer Street was laid before the Selectmen by Messrs. Samuel & Stephen Salisbury & by the Selectmen examined and allowed, they being informed at the same time that they had caused to be warned every Person concerned, according to Law, & no objection having been entred to their proceeding; Assessment was made, and an order for payment delivered the said Samuel & Stephen Salisbury, which is as follows—

Whereas a Drain or Common Shore in Summer Street in Boston aforesaid has been duly repaired, by the aforenamed Samuel & Stephen Salisbury, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account examined by us the Subscribers amounted to four hundred & eighteen Dollars, and as such Expence is to be paid by such Person or [**311.**] Persons whose Drains enter said Common Shore, or receive benefit thereby, and in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or a major part of them, who are impower'd by Law, to apportion the same, and the said Samuel & Stephen Salisbury, having agreable to said Law, notified all the concerned, before they proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expence, and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid—do Adjudge, that the same ought to be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—vizt.—

Richard Austin - - - - - -	1 Drain - - - -	$7 ,, 74
Ebenezer Oliver - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Allen Crocker - - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Elizabeth Cole - - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Timothy Goodwin - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
John Gardner - - - - - - -	2 ditto - - - -	15 ,, 48
Amos Dashwood - - - - - -	2 ditto - - - -	15 ,, 48
Caleb Hopkins - - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
William Donnison - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Samuel Richards - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
D^{r}. John P. Whitwell - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
John G. Shoults - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Thomas & Andrews - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
James Morrel - - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Abigail Amory - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Rev^{d}. William Walter - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Proprietors of Trinity Church -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Honble. James Sullivan Esq - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Beniamin Bussey - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74
Marston Watson - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - -	7 ,, 74

William Parsons - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - - -	87 ,, 74
[312.] Gorham Parsons - -	1 Drain - - - - -	7 ,, 74
Thomas Walley - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - - -	7 ,, 74
Ebenezer Parsons - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - - -	7 ,, 74
Jeremiah Kohler - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - - -	7 ,, 74
George Langley - - - - - -	2 ditto - - - - -	15 ,, 48
Joseph Pierce Junr. - - - - -	1 ditto - - - - -	7 ,, 74
Samuel Smith - - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - - -	7 ,, 74
Jane Crawford - - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - - -	7 ,, 74
Sampson Reed - - - - - - -	1 ditto - - - - -	7 ,, 74
Standfast Smith	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Sarah Luce	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Frederick W. Geyer	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Proprietors of Old Brick Church	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Ebenezer Preble	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Estate of Caleb Rea	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Jonathan Hunnewell	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Henry Hill	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Luke Baker	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Joshua Beals	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Ebenezer White	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Govr. Samuel Adams	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
Samuel Sweet	2 ditto	15 ,, 48
Thomas English	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
S. S. Salisbury	4 ditto	30 ,, 96
John Sullivan	1 ditto	7 ,, 74
William Conant	1 ditto	7 ,, 74

And we do hereby appoint the afore named Samuel & Stephen Salisbury to receive of the Persons within named, the Sums affixed to their several Names & give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
WILLIAM SHERBURNE
JOHN TILESTON
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston February 26. 1800—

[313.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1-1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Howard, Porter, Tileston, Sherburne,

Town Clerk to prepare a Warrant for March Meeting to be held 2^{d}. Monday of March Ins^{t}. being the 9th. of March—

Manning & Lorain [Loring] to have the printing of Notifications

Messrs. Bulfinch & Maj^{r}. Tilden— —a Committee to wait on D^{r}. Howard and request his opening the Town Meeting with Prayer

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 5. 1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Sherburne.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK NINETEENTH.

1800.

[1.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Hancock, Porter, Tileston Howard, Oliver

The Board came to the choice of a Messenger for the Year ensuing—the ballots being taken—Mr. Matthew Nazro, was declared, unanimously chosen—

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Superintendent of Police—and the Ballots being taken—Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared, unanimously chosen—

Voted, that next Wednesday Week be assigned for the choice of a Hay-weigher, for the Year ensuing—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 12–1800 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Hancock, Sherburne, Porter, Tileston Howard Oliver

Major Mellvill, applied on behalf of the Fire-Wards that a new Pipe should be mad[e] immediately for Engine No. 6—also a Ladder—whereupon—

Voted, that the Fire-Wards, be desired to procure said Articles accordingly—

Colo. Boyle applied for liberty to make use of Faneuil Hall for the drawing of the Philanthropic Lottery—whereupon

Voted, not to comply with the above application—

Mr. Wild applied for liberty to lay out a frame of a House at the north end of Governors Alley & to shut up the Passage for a few Days—The Chairman Mr. Hancock & Capt. Howard are a Commee to view the Ground & act their Judgement thereon—also to view the spot where Mr. Wild intends Building, represented as an encroachment—

Mr. Hancock Mr. Porter Mr. Tileston & Mr. Oliver to have the care of the Common & Fences the ensuing Year—

Voted, that the pay for the Year ensuing to the [2.] Hayward, shall be two thirds of the amount of the Sum received for weighing—the Town to be at no other expence than that of keeping the Machine in repair.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 19th.–1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Hancock Sherburne Tileston, Howard Oliver

Messrs. Porter, Oliver & Sturgis a Commee. to view Pleasant Street, and to confer with the Abuttors respecting the Water Courses, which may be necessary to lead the Water, therefrom and to Report—

The Board came to the choice of three Sealers of Weights & Measures—the Votes being taken it appeared—that Messrs. Richard Faxon Richard Austin & Timothy Green were chosen

Voted, that the Persons so appointed be desired to divide the Town in convenient Districts & to Report the same unto the Selectmen on Wednesday next—

The Chairman Majr. Tilden & Mr. Sherburne are a Commee. to wait on the Lieut. Governour & to request him to postpone the nomination of the Town Judge untill after the May Meeting; provided it shall be convenient, & agreable to his arrangements—

The Committee on the Common desired to take Measures for erecting a Pound in some suitable situation

Voted, that as a number of Persons have made application for the Office of Hay-weigher—the following Duties are enjoined upon the Person who may be appointed to the same vizt—

First, He shall give his constand attendance at his Office at all necessary Hours for that business in each Day of the Week Sundays excepted—

Second He shall be careful to examine all Hay brought to Market for Sale & not to weigh any, which shall not be merchantable or well made—

[3.] *Third*—He shall keep & exact account of all monies he may receive for weighing Hay or other things & render an account thereof to this Board at least once every three months, without notice—

Fourth—If at any time he shall discover in the Loads of Hay brought for Sale, or to be weighed, any Stones or other improper

Lumber in the Cart, he shall expose the Person by Advertizing him in one of the Papers, if to him it shall appear intentially done to defraud the buyer—

Fifth—Such Hay-weigher shall have the whole care of the Bulls, that are or may be owned by the Town, & shall see them properly kept; the expence of their support to be paid by the Town

Sixth—The Person who may be chosen to the aforesaid Office, discharging his duty agreable to the aforegoing directions shall continue therein during the pleasure of the Board, & be entitled to two thirds of the gross sums he may receive for weighing as aforesaid, paying out of his $\frac{2}{3}^{ds}$ for the fuel paper & tickets, & the other expences accruing to be paid out of the other third—

sent

The Board then came to the choice of a Hay-weigher, and the Votes being taken it appear'd, that

M^r^. Hopestill Foster was chosen

On the application of Col^o^. Boyle, liberty was granted to the Managers of the Philanthropic Lottery to make use of the Boxes for the drawing of that Lottery—they to make good any damage that may [be] done to them—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 26^t^–1800—Present Messrs. Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Sturgis, Porter, Oliver, Hancock, Sherburne Howard

The Comm^ee^. to view Pleasant Street were impower'd to have a Drain constructed to convey the Water from that Street

On application of the Board of Health Voted [4.] that the Bells be rung on Wednesday next to assemble the Wards of the Town for the choice of a Board of Health

A Warrant for a Meeting in April next: being 7th day for choice of Governour &^c^ was issued by Selectmen

M^r^. Edes to have printing of Notifications

M^r^. Porter & M^r^. Tyler a Comm^ee^. to request Dr. Thacher to open the Town Meeting with Prayer—

A Warrant was also issued for another Town Meeting on Tuesday April 8—10. O Clock A : M :—to affix Salaries &^c^

Maj^r^. Tilden was added to the Committee to ascertain the balance due to M^r^. Rufus Amory & M^r^. Lowell for the House

taken down at the entrance to Leveret Street & to Report on Monday—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 31st 1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Howard, Hancock, Tileston Porter, Oliver, Sturgis

Passed upon Accompts—

Mr. Benjamin Henderson Collector of Taxes for 1798 having produced Vouchers of the State County & Town Treasurers of his having paid unto them the whole Sums committed to him to Collect for that Year—the Town Clerk is directed to give up the Bond given for that Year—

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be desired to renew the Leases for the Towns Land on the Neck to the Persons who improved the same the Year past & upon the same conditions reserving the right to state [stake.] out Roads or Lots in or through the same sent

Voted, that the Districts for the Sealers of Weight & Measures be as follows, Vizt—

Mr. Faxons from the Roxbury line to Winter & Summer Street, throug[h] high Street to Sears Wharff, & all west Boston from Sudbury Street—
Mr. Austin from Winter Street Summer Street High Street to State Street, to include the Long Wharff—

Mr. Green from State Street northerly—

Mr. Green is authorised to call upon Mr. Dakin ye. late Sealer [5.] and to receive of him the Town Standards—

Mr. Sturgis & Mr. Oliver a Commee. to revise the regulations for the Owners & Drivers of Hackney Carriages & to Report such alterations & additions as they may Judge necessary—

The Chairman is requested to make a demand upon the Administrator to the Estate of Ambrose Vincent for the cost of payment of foot walk in Franklin Street in front of their Estate—

Voted, that Mr. Foster the Hay weigher be desired to make enquiry of the cost of three Bulls for the use of the Town & to inform Mr. Porter—
sent

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen April 8t–1800 Present

Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Howard Tileston, Hancock, Oliver

M^{r}. Richard Richardson applyed by M^{r}. Patterson for liberty to open the common Shore in Wings Lane, for the purpose of repairing it, & directions were given to notify all Persons concerned in said Common Shore, to give in their objections on or before the 12 Ins^{t}.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen April 9. 1800 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis Howard Tileston Hancock Sherburne Oliver Porter

On the application of M^{r}. Luke Baker for liberty to make some improvement in the Common Burying Ground—the Comm^{ee}. on the Common are desired to view the Spot in Company with M^{r}. Baker & make Report—

M^{r}. Hancock M^{r}. Sherburne & M^{r}. Oliver, on the application of M^{r}. David West are appointed a Comm^{ee}. with liberty to remove part of the Stable in the Yard of the Lattin School-house

On application from the Board of Health, order'd that the Sedan Chairs belonging to the Town be delivered to them for their use—

Liberty was granted to M^{r}. Swett to build a Tomb [**6.**] At the N^{o}. East Corner of the South Burying Ground the Tomb to be dug into the Common—

The Chairman was desired to write to M^{r}. Smith Bois of Milton to inform him that the Selectmen intend taking down part or the whole of a House owned by him in Back Street, for the purpose of widening that Street, & to request him to appear in order that the Referrees may be appointed to consider & award the damages that may be done to him thereby—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 16. 1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden Sherburne, Sturgis, Tileston, Hancock, Porter, Oliver, Howard

Major G. Blanchard applies for liberty to open the Common Sewer in Atkinson Street, whereupon Ordered that the Proprietors & Abutters be notified to appear on or before the 24^{t}. Ins^{t}. to show cause why they should not be assessed their proportion.—

M^{r}. James Philips, M^{r}. William Leach, & M^{r}. Abijah Adams have liberty to build Tombs in the South Burying Ground

M^{r}. Abijah Crane has liberty to open a Drain into the Common Sewer in Nassau Street, upon the usual conditions

Mr. Amasa Thayer has liberty to open a Drain into the Common Sewer in Leveret Street from Salters Court—on the usual conditions—

The Commee. on application of Luke Baker.—Reported that they had conferred with him & viewed the part of the Burying Ground which he wished to inclose, & are of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Town to allow Mr. Baker to level the Earth & Sods on the Graves & to inclose a part of the Burying Ground with Ladders hitched upon parts which shall be the property of the Town & for their use, in case of fires & removable at the pleasure of the Board—Mr. Baker also engages to keep the little Mall in clean order—and the report was accepted by the Board—

The Commee. on application of Mr. David West, Reported as their opinion that part of the Building might be [7] removed without any injury to the Town—whereupon Voted, that the same Commee. be desired to attend to this business & have the Building alter'd at the expence of Mr. West—the Town holding the right to Erect any other Building on the Land at their pleasure—

Upon the representation of Mr. Edward C. How that Thomas King a black, bound to him on the 29th Jany. is insane and unable to acquire a trade, or to comply with the terms of his Indentures —it was Voted, that Mr. How be released from the obligations of the Indentures upon his engaging to convey the said Thos King to the Overseers of the Town of Marblehead of which he is a Native—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 23d. 1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Howard, Oliver, Tileston, Tilden Sturgis, Sherburne, Porter.

Mr. James Duck has liberty to open the Drain from his House in North Square to the Common Sewer, on the usual conditions—

Mr. Tilden, Sturgis & Tileston a Commee. to view a Well in a Street near Mr. Robert Hallowells & to Report their opinion thereon—

Mr. Samuel [J. Smith] Boies appeared & named Mr. Allen Crocker as Referee on his part to estimate the amount of damages that would be sustained by him by the removal of his House in Back Street; & the Board on the part of the Town nominated Colo. Procter, which nominations were mutually agreed to—the above named Referrees to have liberty to call in any one Person that they may choose—provided they cannot agree in their Judgement

A number of Abutters on Buttolph Street for leave to open

said Street for the purpose of laying a Common Sewer thereon—Liberty was granted on the usual conditions—

The President & Directors of the Union Bank apply for liberty to open a Common Sewer in Exchange Lane—whereupon—

Ordered, that the Abutters be notified to appear on or before the 30. Ins^{t}. to make their objections—

[8] Whereas it is the opinion of this Board, that all the Abutters upon the Streets in this Town have an equal right by Law to lead their Drains into the Common Sewer paying their full proportion of laying building & from time to time repairing the same—That the application of a number of Persons for leave to open a Common Sewer in Cambridge Street towards the Bridge ought therefore to be complied with, & they have hereby leave granted to them accordingly subject to the Superintendance & control of this Board, & that when the said Sewer is so laid that Capt. Mackay is equally entitled to the privilege of his Drain running from his Distillery to empty itself therein as any other Abutter, as he must necessarily be subject to the penalties of the Law if he or his Tenants should occasion any Nuisance to the Neighbourhood thereby. sent—

Liberty granted to Messrs. Elliston & Parminter to build a Tomb in the South Byrial Ground on the usual conditions

Messrs. Frank and Batterman had the same liberty on the like conditions—

Voted, the Monies recived of the Proprietors of Woodwards Wharff, for the Towns release & quit claim of Olivers Dock, be paid to the Town Treasurer, & that it be recommended to him to make use of it to discharge in part the draft passed in favor of M^{r}. Howard for Oil.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28, 1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden Howard Tileston, Oliver, Porter, Sturgis

Passed upon Accounts—

M^{r}. Jepson, Bayley & Thompson Collectors of Taxes for 1798 having produced from the State County & Town Treasurers Receits for the whole sums committed to them to Collect for that Year—the Town Clerk is directed to give up to them their respective Bonds given for that Year—

The Comm^{ee}. to view the Well near Robert Hallowells, reported as their opinion that the same should be covered, and it has been done accordingly.

[9] The Chairman Mr. Sturgis, & Mr. Oliver, a Committee to confer with Mess. J. L. Austin & Mr. Benjamin Austin respecting the removal of a part of their Rope walks, to connect Clapboard Street & Belknap Street—

Messrs. Allen Proctor & Edward Proctor Referees to view & estimate the value of the House belonging to Mr. J. Smith Boies in Back Street—Reported in conjunction with Mr. George Makepeace, they had valued said House at 950 Dollars also the House occupied by Steel at 250 Dollars—this Report is accepted & the Original placed on file—

Voted, that the Chairman be desired to have the Entry-way leading to the Selectmens Room, white washed & well cleansed—and that in future Mr. Nazro be directed to sweep the Stairs, entry, & room three times every week—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30—1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Howard, Tileston, Hancock, Oliver, Sherburne,

Ordered, that the Owners & Drivers of Hacks be notified to appear on Thursday the 1st. of May next for the renewal of their Licenses, at 12. o: Clock—

On application of Elias Shaw & Benjamin Edwards for the use of Arms, & having represented that they were unable to furnish themselves therewith—Voted, that they have the use of a Stand of Arms each for that Day, & that the wish of the Board be expressed to the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Ward, that they may be excused from any fine, if they thould appear deficient in any particular equipment,

Representation having been made that Samuel Thatcher Mr. Clark & Mr. Wyman have opened private Schools, without recommendation or the approbation of the Selectmen—

Voted, that they be directed to appear before the Board on Wednesday next—

The Board made choice of Mr. [10] William Mock to Collect & receive the Sum of seventy five Cents, for each & every Cow that may go at large within the Town the present Year & 37½ Cents for each & every Cow that may be kept in Pasture or Inclosure, and that he be allowed one third of the sum so collected for his services & it is expected that he make return of his proceedings once each month to the Chairman—

Voted, that Mr. Sherburne be requested to inform Mr. Rogers that the Selectmen are willing & desirous to have the question

respecting his Fences in Summer Street determined by the Supreme Court—but as this Court will not be in Session untill August next the Board would recommend that Mr. Rogers should have his fences repaired and the Ground secured to his satifaction & an account kept of the expence which will finally be paid according to the Judgement of the Court. As the Selectmen concieve that this advance of money, can be of no inconvenience to Mr. Rogers, and as the payment thereof by the Town before the decision of the question, would materially alter the grounds of the dispute, they think their proposition fair & equitable; and protest against any further delay, and any damages that may hereafter arise

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7. 1800—Present Messrs. Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Sherburne, Hancock, Tileston Porter Bulfinch Oliver

The Town Clerk is directed to prepare a Warrant for May Meeting on the 13th. Inst. 10. o: clock A: M:

Revd. Dr. Eliot to be requested to open the Meeting with prayer & Mr. Howard & Mr. Sherburne a Commee. to wait on him for that purpose

Mr. Edes to have the printing of the Notifications—

Colo. Hancock Mr. Porter & Tileston a Commee. to view the Neck for the purpose of considering the best mode of putting it into repair—and to effect the same

Mr. Fuller has liberty to open a Drain in Lyn Street on the usual conditions—

Mr. Steven Francis applies for [**11.**] liberty to open the Common Sewer or Drain in Williams Court—Ordered that notice be given to all Persons whose Drains enter therein to appear at the Selectmens Room on or before the 14 Inst. to show cause why liberty should not be granted—

On Complaint of the Proprietors of several Tombs in the Common Burying Ground against the liberty that has been granted to Luke Baker to enclose a part of that Ground—

Voted that Mr. Baker be directed to remove the Posts, Ladders & Gate, to fill the holes made by the posts and replace the Ground in its former order, as soon as may be—

Mr. Stephen Thatcher having produced recommendations from the Revd. Mr. Mr. Keen of Beverly & two School Committees of that Town—he was approved as a keeper of a private School in this Town—

Mr. Josiah Clark having produced recommendations from the tRevd. Mr. Mellen of Barnstable & the School Commee. of that Town—he was approved as a keeper of a private School in this Town—

sent

Mr. Joseph Aikin having produced recommendations from the Revd. Mr. Mc. Keen of Beverly & from a number of the Proprietors of the School at West Boston—he was approved as a Keeper of a private School in this Town—

The following Persons were permitted to build Tombs in the South Burial Ground—vizt.—

	Tombs
Abraham Gibson	1
Edwd. C. How, Arthur Langford & Nathl. Meriam	1
Humphrey Clark	1
Dr. Samuel Hayward	1
	4 Tombs

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 13th. 1800—Present Messrs. Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis Howard, Sherburne Hancock Tileston Porter Oliver

No Business was transacted which became matter of Record—

[12.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 21. 1800 Present Messrs. Tilden, Sturgis Howard Hancock Sherburne Tileston Porter Oliver

Agreeable to a Warrant received from the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, the Selectmen examined into the Circumstances of Abigail Howard & finding her to be a non compos mentis as represented to the Judge a return was made accordingly—

Messrs: Gridley & Stevenson, were attending Constables at this May Meeting—

Mr. Josa. Roby has liberty to lay Drain from his House in Moon Street to the Common Sewer

Dr. Joseph Whipple has liberty to open a Drain from his House in Harvard Street into the Common Sewer—

William Adams & Christopr. Smith have liberty to build a Tomb in the new Burying Ground—on the usual conditions

Nathn. Johnson has the like liberty, on like conditions

David & Nath[l]. Bradley has liberty to build a Tomb in said Burying Ground on like conditions—

Shrove Howland has liberty to open his Drain in Pleasant Street—on usual conditions—

William Bartlet has liberty to open his Drain in Pleasant Street, on the usual conditions—

The consideration of the Letter of Stephen Gorham Esq respecting conveying Water over ground in Milk Street,—referred untill the next Meeting

M[r]. Hancock & Porter a Comm[ee]. for repairing Marlborough Newbury Orange & Washington Streets, likewise all Streets West & East to the South of Liberty Tree so called—

M[r]. Tilden & Tileston to repair Streets to the Eastward of Main Street Ward N°. 10—

M[r]. Sherburne & M[r]. Howard, all the Streets below [**13**] the Bridge

M[r]. Bulfinch Sturgis & Oliver to repair the Streets in the other parts of the Town—

Whereas the superintending of the Police of this Town enforcing the Laws for the due regulation thereof, and executing them with that spirit & vigor which they necessarily require, are objects of great importance to the wellfare and happiness of the Inhabitants: & unless the Officer appointed thereto, employs the greatest portion of his time therein, some omission of his duty must occur—Therefore in order that he may discharge it with that *zeal firmness & energy* which is expected by the Town, & for his further encouragement so to do the present Year It is unanimously *Voted* by this Board that the whole sum of $600—granted by the Town this Day for executing that Office shall be applied to the payment of the Superintendant of the Police only, & that he be & hereby is authorized by this Board to employ as many Constables from time to time (not exceeding three) to aid him therein as he may Judge necessary, & the Board will give orders upon the Treasury for this purpose accordingly at the rate they are now employ'd—

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen May 23. 1800 Present Mess[rs]: Tilden Sturgis Howard, Hancock Sherburne Porter Tileston Oliver Bulfinch

The Board came to the choice of an Orator for the 4th. of July next, and the Votes being taken, Joseph Hall Esq. was declared to be chosen—

Voted, that Mr. Hall be furnished with information of the choice & a Copy of the Towns Vote authorizing the appointmt. sent

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 26. 1800 Present Messrs: Porter, Tilden, Sturgis, Sherburne Tileston Oliver Hancock, Howard,

Passed upon Accounts

William Wyman had liberty to open a Drain in Newbury Street

Colo. Dawes in behalf of Massachusetts Bank do. in Corn Court

both on usual Conditions - - -

[14.] Mr. Foster the Hayweigher has liberty to purchase a Bull for the use of the Common on as good terms as he is able—

Colo. Scollay a Commee. from the Old South Church applys for the removal of the Fire Engine which stands on their Lands—

Voted, that Wings Lane on the application of Samuel Whitwell & other Abuttors thereon, be henceforward known by the Name of Elm Street—

Voted, that the Commee. for the district which includes Elm Street, be desired to view said Street & Report to the Board what ought to be the proportion of the Abuttors towards paving said Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis Howard Hancock, Sherburne, Tileston Porter Oliver

Upon invitation from the Commee. of Gentlemen to devise proper testimonies of respect, for the reception of the Governor Elect—Voted, that the Board will attend the procession in Carriages, agreeable to invitation—

Voted, that the Bells be rung at the time of the Governours entrance into the Town, & to continue ringing half an hour—

Mr. Sturgis & Mr. Oliver added to the Commee. for repairing the Neck—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31. 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Hancock, Tileston Porter Oliver—

Ephraim March & Benjamin Wheeler have leave to build Tombs in the South Barying Ground—

Voted, that Mr. Clap the Town Treasurer be desired to pay Messrs: Spooner & Otis, 150 Dollars on account of their Contract for the Market—

Voted, that a reward of fifty Dollars be offer'd to discover the Person or Persons who have injured the Trees on Fort Hill—

[**15.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 4. 1800 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Sturgis Tileston Sherburne Oliver, Howard Hancock

Return was made from Samuel Whitwell of the Expence attending the Repairs of the Common Shore in Wings Lane and order passed that the same be Assessed on the Persons interested as follows—vizt.—

The Accompt of the Expences in opening & repairing the Common Shore in Wings Lane was laid before the Selectmen by Mr. Samuel Whitwell & by the Selectmen examined & allowed, they being informed at the same time that they had caused to be warned every Person concerned according to Law & no objection having been entred to their proceeding Assessment was made—and an order for payment delivered to said Samuel Whitwell which is as follows

WHEREAS, a Drain or Common Shore in Wings Lane in Boston aforesaid, has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Samuel Whitwell, the whole expence whereof according to an account examined by us the Subscribers amounted to four hundred seventy five Dollars thirty six cents & as such expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drain enters said Common Shore or recieves benefit thereby, and in such proportions as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or major part of them, who are impower'd by Law to Apportion the same, and the said Samuel Whitwell having agreable to said Law notified all the Concerned before they proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—therefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston [**16.**] Do hereby Certify, that having considered of said Expence, & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid—do Adjudge that the same ought to be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named - - - Vizt.—

Heirs of Moses Gill	1 Drain	89	14—
William Marean	1 ditto	9	14—
Rufus G. Amory	3 Drains	27	12—
Samuel Danforth	1 ditto	9	14
Owen Callahan	1 ditto	9	14
John Wier	1 ditto	9	14

Ebenezer Watts	1 ditto	89	14
John G. Amory	2 ditto	18	28—
Edward Eles	1 ditto	9	14
Hallbrook & Mason	1 ditto	9	14
Samuel Whitwell	1 ditto	9	14
John C. Jones	1 ditto	9	14—
William Doll	2 ditto	18	28
Widow Cooper	1 ditto	9	14—
Widow Bayley	1 ditto	9	14—
Bayley	1 ditto	9	14—
William Welch for Will: Hobby	1 ditto	9	14—
William Smith	1 ditto	9	14—
Samuel Bradford	1 ditto	9	14—
John Codman	1 ditto	9	14—
Gilead Morse—or Thos Larnard	1 ditto	9	14—
Heirs of Govr. Sumner	2 ditto	18	28
Edward Brinley	1 ditto	9	14—
David S. Eaton	1 ditto	9	14—
Samuel Griggs	1 ditto	9	14—
Daniel Rea	1 ditto	9	14—
M^r. Amory	1 ditto	9	14
Thomas Jackson	1 ditto	9	14—
David Bradley	1 ditto	9	14—
John Gardner	1 ditto	9	14
[17.] Isaac Rand Junr.	1 ditto	9	14—
Samuel Whiting	1 ditto	9	14
Joshua Blanchard	1 ditto	9	14—
M^r. Newell—or Jno S. Boies	1 ditto	9	14
M^r. Vesey	1 ditto	9	14—
William Doll Junr	1 ditto	9	14—
William Miller	1 ditto	9	14—
Estate of Jon^a. Amory } David Wiltman }	1 ditto	9	14—
Rich^d. Richardson	1 ditto	9	14—
M^rs. Hixon	1 ditto	9	14—
Samuel Gore	1 ditto	9	14—
Isaac Townsend	1 ditto	9	14—
William Boardman Junr	2 ditto	18	28—
M^r. Turell	2 ditto	18	28—
James Vila	1 ditto	9	14

And we do hereby Appoint the aforesaid Samuel Whitwell to recieve of the Persons withinnamed the Sums affixed to their several names & give discharge therefor

Charles Bulfinch
Russell Sturgis
Joseph Howard
Will: Sherburne
John Tileston—
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston June 4. 1800—

Voted, that Elm Street, late Wings Lane be paved immediately and that the Abuttors be notified to lay their foot walks without delay

Mr. William Mock has paid fifty seven Dollars on Account of the money collected from the Owners of Cows

Voted, that Doggets & Mumfords Alleys be paved immediately & Mr. Howard & Mr. Sherburne are to attend to executing the same—

Voted that Bowdoin Square be paved with all convenient dispatch & the Commee. on that business are desired [**18.**] to proceed immediately—

Mr. Tileston is desired to have the Lane called Flounder Alley repair d with Gravel—

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Sturgis appointed a Commee. to confer with the Commee. of the Board of Health or any matters which may require the concurrence & consideration of those Boards—

Voted that the Treasurer be desired to give in a Statement of Mr. Tukesburys Accounts on next Wednesday—

Voted that the Constable of West Boston Watch be directed to forbid any Person making use of the Watch house as a Shop or otherwise—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen June 11. 1800 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Hancock Howard Porter Tileston Sherburne Oliver

Mr. Tukesbury Junr. having represented that Mr. Batterman had taken two loads of rough cast Gravel from Deer Island—It was ordered, that he be prosecuted for said trespass—

Mr. Tukesbury applies for repairs on the Back-kitchen of his House on said Island, and for a new Vault for the same—

Mr. Wyman not having produced recommendations & testimonials of his character as a suitable Person to keep a School—he is ordered to desist from keeping a School in this Town from this day, as he would avoid the penalties of the law from a prosecution that will otherwise be commenced against him—

sent—

Mr. Knowlton having applied for liberty to erect a Slaughter-house at West Boston near Bartons Point—it was Voted unanimously that the above request be not granted

Mr. Sturgis & Mr. Sherburne a Commee. to confer with Mr. Henry Williams respecting the terms for a new lease for Winnisimet Ferry

On the Petition of Oliver Johonnot & Abraham Edwards—Voted, that the Board will relinquish unto the Petitioners for the use of the Artillery Company, all the Right [**19.**] which the Town has or may have in the old Gun-house—

Mr. Porter appointed to enquire into the expediency of having a Pump at the South Schoolhouse

On application from the Abuttors on Eliot Street the Commee. for that quarter were desired to confer with the Abuttors, view the Street & Report what should be done—

Mr. Porter is desired to enquire of Mr. Gridley respecting two old Engines formerly taken into his possession

Benjamin & Nathaniel Goddard, have liberty to build a Tomb in the South Burying Ground, on the usual conditions for such liberty—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 18. 1800 Present Messrs. Tileston, Howard, Oliver, Sturgis, Tilden, Porter, Hancock, Bulfinch,

On application from Mr. Steven Francis that the Assessment might be made on the Parties concerned, of the Expence of repairing the Common Sewer in Williams Court—Ordered, That Mr. Nathaniel Balch & Mr. Luke Baker be notified to appear on Wednesday next to state their objections & to show cause why they should not be assessed a proportion of the above expence—

Wednesday next 3. O: Clock assigned to meet in Milk Street to view the Street near Mr. Gorhams—

Voted, to agree to the proposition of Mr. Rogers for the repairs of his Fence—the Town to be at one half the expence thereof—

Mr. Tukesbury is allowed to make the necessary repairs to the Well, the Kitchen & the Necessary-house at Deer Island, to pay the charge thereof, from the Rent—

The piece of Land at the head of Middlecot Street, belonging to the Town is to be advertized for Sale—applications to be made to the Chairman of the Board—

The Comm^ee^. to view Eliot Street reported the necessity of spreading 200 loads of Gravel thereon; which Report was accepted & the Comm^e^ authorised to proceed

The Pump in Quaker Lane to be removed to the Well at the South School-house—

[**20.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen June 25-1800 Present Mess: Porter, Bulfinch, Tilden Hancock Porter, Tileston Sherburne Oliver Sturgis

Return was made from Steven Francis of the Expence attending the Repairs of the Common Shore in Williams Court; and order passed that the same be assessed on the Persons interested as follows—vizt.—

The Accompt of the Expences in opening and repairing the Common Shore in Williams Court, was laid before the Selectmen by M^r^. Stephen Francis, and by the Selectmen examined & allowed, they being informed at the same time, that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned according to Law, and no objection having been entred to his proceeding—Assessment was made by the Selectmen, and an Order for payment delivered to the said Stephen Francis which is as follows

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Williams Court in Boston aforesaid has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Stephen Francis, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account laid before and examined by us the Subscribers, amounted to one hundred sixty nine Dollars fifty Cents, and as such expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drain enters into said Common Shore, and receives benefit thereby, and in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by Law to apportion the same, and the said Stephen Francis having agreable to said Law, notified all the concern'd before they had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston, do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expences, and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid do Adjudge that the same ought to be paid in the [**21.**] proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—vizt.—

Daniel Rogers	2 Drains	$13 ,, 48—
Moses Peck	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
M^r^. Richardson	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
M^r^. James Lloyd	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
M^r^. Andrew Brimmer	2 ditto	13 ,, 48
M^r^. Gray	1 ditto	6 ,, 74

Mr. Kneeland	1 ditto	$6 ,, 74
Mr. Cunningham	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Balsh	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. L. Baker	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Foster	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Vose	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Coffin	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Dalton	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Pomroy	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Swann	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Brooks	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Foster	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Dashwood	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Hollis	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Francis	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Stackpole	1 ditto	6 ,, 74
Mr. Amory	1 ditto	6 ,, 74

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Samuel Dashwood to receive of the Persons within named the Sums affixed to their several Names and to give discharge therefor—

JOSEPH HOWARD CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER DAVID TILDEN
JOHN TILESTON RUSSELL STURGIS
Selectmen of Boston

Boston June 25. 1800—

[22.] The Board proceeded according to appointmt. to view the Sink in Milk Street, and heard the arguments of the Abutters for and against raising the Street to carry the Water over the Surface—and upon full consideration. Voted, that it is not expedient to comply with the request of the Petitioners—

Mr. Balch, Francis & Dashwood were heard respecting some objections on the part of Mr. Balch & Mess: Baker, Gray Davis & Kneeland to bearing any proportion of the Expence of repairing the Common Sewer in Williams Court, and after the hearing of the Parties—

Voted, that the amount of the expence of repairing said Sewer be assessed equally upon all the concerned according to Law—

Thomas Dawes Esq. has Liberty to build a Tomb in the South Burying Ground, on the usual conditions

Voted, that Mr. Tilden & Mr. Tileston be authorized to repair the Pavement in Milk Street Atkinson Street & Battery March Street wherever it may be necessary—

Voted, that the Proprietors of the Mill Pond be called upon to repair the Planks on the Draw Bridge—

Voted that Mr. Ludden the Sexton be directed to cut up the Weeds in the Chapel Burying Ground—at his own charge—

Received of Mr. Mock of Cow Money collected by him twenty three Dollars, which with 47 Dollars before received amounts to 80 Dollars on that account—

Voted, that William Smith Esq. be called upon to repair his proportion of the Wall at Pembertons Hill, and that the Commrs. of that quarter proceed to compleat the Towns part

[23.] The Town Clerk is to prepare a list of Auchtioneers for the Year ensuing, to be acted upon Wednesday next

Voted, that the Town Treasurer lay a statement of the Occupants of the Towns Shops in the Market, with a particular statement of their Accounts of Rent—

Voted that the Commrs. of Atkinson Street and Quaker Lane be authorized to give leave for taking paving Stones from Deer Island for the compleating those Streets

Voted, that the Chairman be desired to Notify the Abutters on the 1400 feet on the Neck to put their sides of the Neck in repair conformably to their Contract

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30, 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Russell, Sturgis Howard Hancock Tileston, Sherburne Porter

Passed upon Accounts—

Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to call upon the Occupants of the Towns Shops in the Market for the immediate settlement of their accounts for Rent—and to warn them to vacate them immediately, as the Selectmen have determined to appropriate them otherwise—

The Committee of Conference are desired to confer with the Commrs. of the Board of Health respecting the opening of Drains in the Streets, & the Dirt in the Streets, what kinds of dirt or filth are to be removed, by the Board of Health Carts, and what is under the order of the Selectmen—

On application of Mr. Mellony for liberty to take rough cast Gravel from Deer Island—Voted, that he have liberty to take five Lighter loads of that Gravel, paying therefor at the rate of three Dollars for each load—and to have a special order from the Chairman for each load, and the payment to be made to him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Hancock Howard Tileston Porter Sherburne Oliver Sturgis

[24.] This being a special Meeting called for the purpose the following Persons were approved of as Auchtioneers for the Town of Boston for the present Year—Certificates were sign'd by the Selectmen, and the Auchtioneers are to apply to the Chairman for their Certificates—

Messrs.	Thomas K. Jones	pd. C.	Azor G. Archbold— —
pd. C	Samuel Clap Esq		see July 7
pd. C	Benjamin Wiggins	pd. C	Daniel Wild - - - 9
	John Badger	pd. C	Nicholas Roucelet [Rousselet]
pd. C	John B. Green		Esq—9
pd. C	Samuel Bradford Esq	pd. C	Samuel Blagge
pd. C	William Eustis		Esq July 30
	Joshua Eaton	pd. C	Robert G. Shaw—
	Robert Gardner		Lewis Hoyt—Novr. 12
pd. C—	Thomas Fisher	pd.	Appleton Prentice— —12
pd. C.	John Perkins	pd.	John A. Dunn—Decr. 3
pd. C.	Thomas Clark	pd.	Nathl. P. Hewes—29

pd. C	John W. Quincy
pd. C	William Alline Esq
	Thomas Stickney
pd. C	Nicholas Brown
pd. C	John Jutau— see July 7t–9th. & 30t

Voted, unanimously that Mr. Robert G. Shaw be not approbated as an Auchtioneer. — & that

Mr. Samuel Blagge not being an Inhabitant of Boston, cannot be approbated as an Auchtioneer —

Voted, that the Occupants of the Shops in the Market be informed, that it is expected they leave their Shops on or before the 15th Inst. —

Voted, that the regulation of Cambridge Street be under the direction of the Commee. of that quarter—to raise it with Gravel according to their Judgement—

Voted, that the Bells be rung on the Morning of the 4th. of July from the hours of 6. to 7. being the anniversary of Independence, and that 4 Constables be employ'd to preserve good [25.] order in the Common on that Day—

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 7th. 1800 Present Messrs: Tilden Sturgis, Sherburne Tileston, Porter Oliver, Howard

A special Meeting appointed to consider the application of Azor Archibald, for being an Auchtioneer—at 12 o Clock

12. o: Clock—M^{r}. Azor Archibald, was accordingly appointed an Auchtioneer—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July. 9. 1800 Present Messrs: Tilden, Oliver, Hancock, Sturgis Sherburne, Howard, Tileston,

½ past 4. o Clock assigned for considering the application of Daniel Wild for an Auchtioneer—

M^{r}. Daniel Wild approved of as an Auchtioneer—

5 o'Clock assigned for the consideration of the application of M^{r}. N. Rouselet, for the appointment of an Auchtioneer—

M^{r}. Nicholas Rouselet appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town—

The Selectmen permit on the application of William Welch to open a Drain into the Common Shore in Willsons Lane, that a permit may be granted by the Chairman—Permission was accordingly given to Will: Menzies who applied in behalf of Welch—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 15. 1800—Present Messrs: Howard, Tilden, Hancock, Sherburne, Porter, Tileston,

On application of Levi Lane to open a Drain from his Pump in Ann Street to the Common Shore—like wise Gibbin [Gibbs] Atkins to lay a Drain from his Pump into the Common Shore—Liberty was granted on the usual Conditions—

M^{r}. Porter, a Mason & Lemuel C. May applies for leave to open & turn a Drain in Orange Street into the Common Shore—Liberty is accordingly granted on the usual conditions—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen July 23^{d}. 1800 Present Tilden, Sherburne, Sturgis, Tileston, Porter, Hancock.

[**26.**] Whereas a Vote passed this Board on the 24^{t}. of June last requesting the Chairman to Notify the Abuttors on the 1400 feet of Land on the Neck to put their sides thereof in repair agreable to Contract—which notice having been given, & no observance thereof taken place—therefore Voted, that such Abuttors be notified that unless such repairs are made & compleated within 20 Days that the Board will proceed to do the

same at the charge of the Town, & that immediately thereon the Contract with such Abutters shall be put in suit without further information.—

Voted, that the Comm^{ee}. on Market Square be requested to have all the paving done on said Square that they may think necessary—

Voted, that Mess: Hancock Tileston Porter & Oliver be a Comm^{ee}. to repair M^{r}. Daniel D. Rogers's Wall & Fence as soon as possible & likewise to compleat the stops near the same—

Voted, not to renew the license to Enoch Patterson, untill the sidewalk before his House is compleated
(reconsidered)

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. 1800 Present Mess: Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Howard,

Passed upon the List of Persons licensed the last Year, & made return on the same as by a Copy of the same on file, to the Clerk of the Sessions for the County of Suffolk

John Sweetser has liberty to build a Tomb in S^{o}. Burial Ground—

Owner of Hack N°. 2. cited to appear next Wednesday to answer to the complaint of Israel Loring—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen July 28 1800—Present Tilden, Howard, Sherburne, Hancock Oliver Sturgis Tileston,

Passed upon Accounts

[27.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30 1800 Present Messrs: Tilden, Tileston, Howard Hancock Sherburne, Oliver, Porter, Sturgis,

Passed upon other Accounts—

6. o'. Clock assigned for taking up the application of M^{r}. Blagge, for being appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town

Samuel Blagge Esq. approved of as an Auchtioneer for this Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Augt. 6. 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Sturgis, Porter, Sherburne Hancock, Tileston Tilden, Oliver,

William Callender & others, having applied for the same have liberty to open & repair the Common Sewer in Middle Street, or to lay a new one if necessary—upon the usual Conditions and Restrictions—

The Selectmen have agreed to Visit Deer Island on Fryday the 15 Ins^{t}. the Company invited &^{c}. will appear by a List on the files of Visitation business—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 13th Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Howard, Sherburne, Porter, Oliver, Hancock

M^{r}. Jonathan Cushing appointed a packer of Beef Pork & pickled Fish

M^{r}. Elias Shaw having applied is to have the use of a stand of Arms for public Trainining on the 14^{t}. Ins^{t}—

M^{r}. Nuttage has liberty to dig a Drain from M^{r}. Greens house in Marshalls Lane to the common Sewer on condition of securing the same & putting the Street into repair—

M^{r}. Williams & Hayes apply to the Board to ascertain the amount which the Abutters on Middle Street ought to pay to the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Cross Street for liberty of carrying their new Drain thereon—

Voted, as the opinion of the Board that the sum [28.] of 25 Dollars be paid by M^{r}. Hays & Associates in full compensation for liberty to enter into the Drain in Cross Street— & that it be understood that the new Common Sewer in Middle Street & the old one in Cross Street, in future form one Drain at the Joint charge of all the Abutters entring therein—

On application of James Sullivan Esq in behalf of the Directors of the Aqueduct, for liberty to alter the pavement to enable them to carry their pipes over the Mill Bridge—

Voted, that M^{r}. Bulfinch & Sherburne be a Comm^{ee}. to view the spot, & to determine what accommodation may be given to the Aqueduct Proprietor—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 20. 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sherburne, Tileston, Hancock Porter, Oliver

On application of M^{r}. William Callender, gave Orders to Notify the Concerned in the Common Sewer in Cross Street, before he should proceed to repair the same objections to be entred on or before the 27th. Ins^{t}.—

The Chairman was desired to attend the Repairs of South School-house—

Voted, that the Honble. Thomas Dawes & John Lowell Jr Esq be Agents on the part of the Town to defend the Towns Claim to the Old Town house before the Supreme Judicial Court—

Voted, that the Abutters on Lynn Street be directed to remove all incroachments on that Street on or before the 26 Ins^t^. that the Street may be prepared and levelled for paving—

Voted, that the Sum of three hundred Dollars be allowed towards widening Hanover Street in the Centre near the House of John Codman Esq—

The Chairman & M^r^. Tileston a Comm^ee^. to [**29.**] Advertize for Contracts for raising a Story & putting a new Roof, on the Latin Grammar School-house—

The Comm^ee^. of South part of the Town are empowered to repair Orange Street Pavement, where in their Judgem^t^. it may be necessary—

Henry Blainey applied for liberty to open the Drain from his House in Newbury Street—granted on the usual restrictions & regulations—

Samuel Phillips applies for liberty to open the Drain from his House in Hollis Street—granted as above—

The Comm^ee^. for directing the new Buildings in the Market are authorized to have Benches placed under the Eaves of the South Building—

John McKendry approved of as a Watchman for the North Watch in the room of Eli Thayer—

Agreed to refer the subject of compensation to be paid M^r^. Hancock for Land laid into the new Street back of the New State-house—to Nathl. Balch, John Andrews & John Winslow Esquires—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22^d^. 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Hancock, Sherburne, Porter, Oliver.

The Board met in order to have a conference with M^r^. Ward Nicholes Boylston, relative to the Donation made the Town of Boston by the Will of the late Thomas Boylston deceased.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25. 1800 Present Messrs: Tilden, Howard, Bulfinch Tileston, Hancock Oliver, Sherburne,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Augt. 27. 1800— - - Present Bulfinch Tilden, Howard, Hancock Sherburne Porter Tileston Oliver Sturgis

Passed upon Accounts—

[**30.**] M^{r}. William Callender having notified the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Cross [street] according to Law—has liberty to open said Common Sewer & to proceed in the Repairs of the same on the usual conditions of repairing the Street & proceeding as the Law prescribes

M^{r}. Gayly, [Gealy] M^{r}. Oliver M^{r}. Hayden & M^{r}. Williams object to bearing any proportion of the Expence of repairing the Drain in Cross Street— ——

M^{r}. Tukesbury has liberty to repair & shingle the Roof of the Barn on Deer Island to be accounted for in the arrears of Rent—also to repair the Shed adjoining to said Barn, which Shed he built & is to be considered in future as the property of the Town—without further expence—He has also liberty to cart off from the Pasture & Mowing Lands, the loose Stones now laying thereon.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 3^{d}. 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Howard, Tileston, Sherburne, Sturgis, Oliver Hancock

M^{r}. Wallis applies for liberty to place a Post at the Corner of his Store on Town Dock—referred to the Chairman—

Voted, that the Chairman be requested to advertize in the Papers the names of all Affricans & Negroes resident in this Town, who are not permitted to remain by law, & to warn them to depart by the 1st. of October next—& that M^{r}. Sherburne with the Chairman be a Comm^{ee}. to prepare the Advertizement.—

M^{r}. Enoch James & others complained of M^{rs}. Gould the Occupant of a House at the bottom of Cross Street—which complaint is referred to the Town Attorney for prosecution

M^{r}. Howard is directed to contract with some Person to take down the Houses in Back Street, ordered down by the Board, upon such terms as may appear to him best—

Mr. Mc. Learned is to be informed that the Board have determined to take down part of his House in Hanover Street [31.] and that he be notified to appear to choose Referrees to value the same—

Voted, to have Bromfields Lane paved as far as the old pavement—to have Hanover Street paved to Cold Lane—to have a Gutter on the So. side of Cambridge Street—& to have Gutters in Oliver Street as far as may be necessary in the Judgement of the Committee

The Committee on Water Street are desired to enquire what proportion the Abutters on that Street will pay towards raising & paving the Street—

The Chairman Mr. Sturgis & Mr. Sherburne are a Committee to arrange the Applicants for Stalls in the Market—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Hancock Tileston Sherburne Oliver

Mr. Learned having appointed Dr. Hill of Cambridge as a Referree on his part to view his House in Hanover Street & to award the damage that will be done to him by taking part of said House to widen the Street, the Board made choice of the Honble. Thomas Dawes on the part of the Town—the above named Gentlemen to call in any one Person that they may agree upon in case they cannot unite in their Judgement—

Major Tilden was requested to supply seven & a half Cord of Wood to each of the Reading & Writing Schools, & five Cords to the Latin Schools—

Voted, that some loads of Gravel be laid in the Street at the bottom of the Mall and along the Hay Market—

The Chairman is desired to apply to Mr. Winthrop Agent to G. Temple to put the Foot Walks in Repair in front of the Estate of the late Thomas Russell Esq in Summer Street

[32.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 17—1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Howard Porter Sherburne, Tileston—

Approved of the Indentures of Daniel Robins a Minor to William Collins Hathway—as on file—

Had a conference with a Commee. from the Persons who frequent the Market, for the purpose of selling Meat and Vegetables,

heard their proposals and objections to the arrangement of the Stalls & to the price demanded for the rent of Stalls—

After consideration of the subject Voted, to suspend the decision on those points untill next Wednesday

Acted upon sundry applications for Licenses—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 24^{t}. Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Porter Tileston, Sherburne, Oliver, Hancock—

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to drop the suits of such occupants of the late Town Shops in the Market as will give him satisfactory security for the payment of their arrears of Rent—

The Chairman & M^{r}. Sturgis a Comm^{ee}. to confer with the directors of the Aqueduct—and to request that the Streets should not be taken up for the laying Pipes after the 1st. of October next—

On application of Capt. Amasa Stutson for 43 pounds of Powder, an order was accordingly granted him—

The Comm^{ee}. to view the Roof of the Latin School, are desired to have the same repair'd, without putting on a new roof, which is to be postponed for the present—said Comm^{ee}. are requested to order necessary repairs to the roof of the S^{o}. Writing School—

Voted, that the Stalls in the Market be let for one year from the 1st. of October, by the Week Month or Quarter at the rate of Fifty Cents p Week— and that the Rent of a Stall to any Person who shall occupy the same for a shorter time shall be 12½ Cents p Day—

[33.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 29th—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Tileston, Sherburne, Hancock

Passed upon Accounts—

On application from a Comm^{ee}. from a large number of the Inhabitants of Ward N°. 7 requesting that some measures should be adopted for the security of the Inhabitants of said Ward against riotous & disorderly Persons—

Voted, that the several Constables within this Town be requested to aid & assist the Inhabitants of said Ward or any number of them to patrole that part of the Town every night from 9. o Clock untill Sun rise for the purpose of suppressing all rioters disturbers

of the peace, & other lawless dissipated Persons, & secure them in such manner as they think best, till they can be brought to suffer the penalties of the Law—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 1—1800 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Sherburne, Howard, Hancock—

An application was received from the Venders of Meat and Vegetables in the Market—and after consideration

Voted, that this Board will adhere to the regulations of the Market which they have adopted, & that M^{r}. Gooch be directed to give the choice of Stalls to the Persons who may first apply therefor & who will agree to said regulations—& that all other Persons who do not engage Stalls p the Week shall be considered as holding them p the day, & upon refusing to pay the rent of the same as fixed by this Board, that prosecution shall commence against them immediately.

The Comm^{ee} of that quarter are authorised to pave the entrance into Southwick Court—

M^{r}. Oliver is desired to have the Fences repaired at the Chapel Burying Ground—

On the application of M^{r}. Joseph Callender, the [**34.**] Board, visited the Street near his House, and viewed the part that has been raised by M^{r}. Clap—& determined that M^{r}. Clap be directed not to put any more Gravel into Middle Street; and that it be recommended to him, to place a range of butting Stones West of his House to the Southernmost Tree of M^{r}. Callender, to turn the water from his House

An application was received from a number of the Abutters on Russell Street West Boston stating that they had had a Common Sewer in that Street at the expence of 415D—21 Cents, & that several other Persons wished to enter their Drains into the same; & praying that the Board would regulate the price which such Persons should pay, according to Law—whereupon

Voted, that it is the opinion of this Board, for the encouragement of Persons to undertake such works, that 10 p c^{t}. should be added to the amount of the cost, & the whole expence should then be divided by the number of Houses & Lots, which have & will have occasion to make use of s^{d}. Sewer & the am^{o}. of such division shall be consid^{d}. as the Sum which each and every Person shall pay in future for the privilege of entring a Drain therein—

Mr. Henderson a Collector of Taxes offers Capt. Enoch James & Francis Green Esq. for his sureties—which were accepted

Mr. Jepson, Collector offers Benjamin Sumner & Mr. Joseph Callender—which were accepted

Mr. Thompson, Collector offers Ebenr. Parsons Esq. & Mr. Isaiah Doane, as Sureties—which were accepted—

Mr. Bayley, Collector offer'd as his Sureties Mr. Henry Bass & Mr. James Bayley—Mr. Bass accepted & the Collector is desired to propose another Person as Surety—

see Octor. 8—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 5—1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Sturgis, Hancock, Howard, Porter Sherburne Tileston Oliver

An Advertizement was order'd to be inserted in the Tuesday & Wednesday Papers;—advertizing the Stalls in the Market to be let

Voted, that Mr. Gooch be directed to accommodate all Persons who may apply for Stalls in the Market & will agree to the regulations that have been adopted. That he give the preference to [35.] new applicants; and that the former holders be suffered to remain by the Day, untill approved by the Selectmen, excepting the following Persons who are not to hold Stalls untill every one else are accommodated—

Ruben White - - - - - - - -	William Heath
Samuel Andrews - - - - - - -	Ebenezer Sever
Ebenezer Smith - - - - - - - -	Ebenezer Davis
John Mayo - - - - - - - - -	Richard Richardson
John Jones - - - - - - - - -	Daniel Learned
Benjamin Bromsden- - - - - - -	Samuel Slack
Stephen Farrington - - - - - - -	Elisha Whitney
Obediah Thayer - - - - - - - -	Joseph Ruggles
Peter Dyer - - - - - - - - -	Joseph Williams
Daniel Jones - - - - - - - - -	John Daniels
Daniel Spear—	

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 8th. 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Howard, Sherburne, Tileston, Oliver,

Mr. James Bayley is accepted as one of the Sureties for Thomas Bayley Collector—

Mr. Thomas Hearsey having been presented by the Company of Engine No. 9, as their Captain in the room of Mr. Peirce, resign'd—he was approved of by the Selectmen—

Mr. Wheelock Sexton of Chapel Church, on his application for the privilege of taking care of the Common Burying Ground—It was granted him for the term of one Year—

The business of regulating the Market was taken up and several Persons admitted to hold Stalls—

Mr. Seth Wells having engaged 4 Stalls in the Market Voted, that no one of the old Occupants shall be admitted to either of said Stalls, without being first approved by the Board—

Voted, that in consequence of the great number of Applicants for Stalls, no Person shall be permitted to occupy two Stalls—

Voted, that on application to the [**36.**] Chairman any person of the old Occupants may be furnished with a Stall in the Market except the following vizt.—

Reuben White - - - - - - - -	Samuel Andrews
Ebenezer Smith - - - - - - - -	Benjamin Bronsden
William Heath - - - - - - - -	Ebenezer Sever—
Eben^r. Davis - - - - - - - - -	Rich^d. Richardson
Elisha Whitney - - - - - - - -	Joseph Ruggles—

Voted, that the Town be lighted six months the present Year & 18 Nights in each month, to commence the 7th. of Novem^r. next—

Mr. Howard is desired to take charge of the Lamps this Season & to make enquiries respecting the price of Oil—

The period of time having nearly elapsed, when the Blacks were ordered to leave the Town & Commonwealth—it was determined that upon the 11^t Ins^t—prosecution should be commenced against any number of such Persons as are riotous & disorderly—

An abstract of the Law forbidding the Owners of Hackney Carriages from driving out of Town on Lord's day, is to be printed in the Papers—

The Town Clerk is authorised to compleat the Bonds of the Collectors with their Sureties which have been approved of by the Selectmen & to give them Certificates accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 15, 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, Howard, Hancock, Sturgis,

M^{r}. Nazro having resigned as Captain of Engine N°. 6, the Company made choice of M^{r}. Hugh Widdefield in his room, which choice is approved of by the Selectmen, & a Warrant order d for the new Master—as also for Capt. Hearsay of Engine N°. 9—

On application of Capt. Hollis & M^{r}. Dyer respecting their Stalls in the Market—

Voted, that in consideration that Capt. Hollis has ever appeared ready to agree to the Regulations adopted by this Board, that he have liberty to stand in Stall N°. 45

[**37.**] M^{r}. Weld applies for a Stall formerly occupied by him, for the term of a Year from this date, in the mean time to be improved by any other Person—his application did not obtain—

M^{r}. Baldwin & M^{r}. Winchester holders of Stalls under Faneuil Hall, having been admitted to Stalls in the Square, contrary to regulations, & there being a great demand for Stalls—determined that they cannot hold but one Stall each—

On application of M^{r}. Edward Smith & recommended from a number of Inhabitants, he is admitted to have a Stall in the Market—

M^{r}. Bronsden & M^{r}. Ruggles admitted to Stalls—

Complaint made by Capt. Arnold of the conduct of the Watch on the Evening of Fryday last, for Personal abuse—he together with the Constable of the Watch were notified to appear to Morrow 5. Clock—

The foot ground along the Chapel burying ground to be paved with Brick & edge Stone—

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 22^{d}. 1800 Present Messrs: Tilden, Hancock Tileston, Bulfinch, Sturgis. Porter, Oliver, Howard,

M^{r}. Murrow [Mero] has liberty to carry on the business of a Tallow—Chandler & Soapboiler in the House of M^{r}. Howard in Fore Street; the same being an old licensed situation—

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Heath, as recommended, are permitted to hold Stands in Faneuil Hall Market—

The Commee. of Centre Schools are to direct such repairs for those Schools as they may Judge necessary—

Voted, that all the Bells be directed to be rung on the Morning of Thursday the 30th. Inst. from the hour of 7 to 8 in honor of the birth Day of the President of the United States

In consequence of a complaint of Capt. Arnold against the Market Watch, Voted, that the Board disapprove of the improper conduct of the Watch to Capt. Arnold & others & that Messrs: The Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Sturgis be a Commee. to consider what regulations & instructions may be proper to be adopted for the [38.] Watch in future, that they may be informed of their duty & excited to vigilance, & at the same time proper treatment secured to Passengers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 27—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Hancock, Porter Tyleston Sherburne Howard

The Board have issued a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Monday next being the 3d. of Novemr. 10 o'clock A: M for the purpose of choosing 1 Representative of the first Middle District in this Commonwealth in the next Congress—

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Porter—a Commee. to wait on the Revd. Mr. Eckley—& to request [h] is opening the meeting with Prayer—

Mr. Edes—to have printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 29t—Present Messrs: Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Sherburne Hancock Bulfinch Oliver Howard Sturgis

Mr. Capen has liberty to open the Drain from his House into the Common Sewer in Union Street under the usual restrictions—

Upon application from Capt. Brazier as a Commee. for the use of Faneuil Hall for the purpose of holding a Caucus there it was Voted, that in the opinion of the Board there would [be] an impropriety in granting the use of the Hall as requested—

Six Constables to attend the Meeting on Monday next, & the Assessors & Collectors to be desired to attend—

Mr. Peter Spring has liberty to open a Drain from his Cellar in Pleasant Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 5. 1800 Present Messrs: Tilden, Sherburne, Tileston, Porter, Howard, Hancock, Bulfinch,

On application from a number, on the North side of [39.] Cambridge Street near West Boston Bridge—agreed to have the Gutter paved on that side of the Street—

Mr. John Jackson was approved as an Inspector & Packer of Barreld Pork Beef & Fish—

Mr. Porter desired to consider the expediency of several upright Pipes from the Aqueduct at the South part of the Town to be used in case of fires—& also to confer with the Agents of the Aqueduct on the best mode of placing the Pipes & to Report the expence

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 12th. 1800 Present Messrs: Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Porter Tileston, Bulfinch, Oliver,

4. o: Clock assigned as a Meeting to consider the application of Mr. Lewis Hoyt as an Auchtioneer—& Mr. Appleton Prentice

4. o. Clock P: M: The above named Applicants were approved of & appointed Auchtioneers for this Town

Stephen Hall & Solomon Twist, Tollmen at West Boston Bridge, appointed Measurers of Wood coming from the Country over said Bridge—

The Board agreed to publish some recommendations respecting the driving & standing of the Carriages in the Streets as on file—

The Chairman is directed to commence prosecution against those Blacks & Mulattoes which have been warned to depart this Town & still remain; as by list on file—

Agreed to allow Mr. Pierpoint the possession of the Stalls built by him in the Market, free of rent for two Years from the 1st of November Inst. upon condition that said Stalls shall be ever under the direction of the Board; that he shall have a foot way paved with Brick & secured with edge Stones along the front of said Stalls, and at the expiration of the time, the same shall be the property of the Town & delivered up in good repair—

The Chairman was authorized to make such arrangements with the Carts in Market Square, as may appear to him necessary, & to alter such arrangements as experience may suggest to be proper [40.] And the Persons who regularly frequent the Market with Vegetables, may be permitted to take stands in the lower division of the new Buildings—

Mr. Porter was desired to have suction pipe formed into the Aqueduct pipes on the Neck, to be of use in case of fire—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr 19 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Porter Tileston Sherburne, Oliver,

Mr. Jacob Hall has liberty to open a Drain from his House to the Common Sewer in Prince Street, on the usual restrictions—

Mr. Thomas Fessenden & others have liberty to lay a Common Sewer, from the No. End of Nassau Street, to meet the Common Sewer in Eliot Street—

Enquiry made as to the state of Pumps in the several Streets—and the Commee. in the Wards are desired to examine more particular & Report at the next Meeting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 24. 1800 Present Mess: Tilden, Howard Sherburne, Porter Tileston, Sturgis Hancock

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 26 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Porter Hancock Tileston, Oliver

Passed upon other Accounts—

Whereas a number of Gentlemen have at a considerable expence imported a large & valuable Fire-Engine, which they call by the name of the *Cataract* and as the directors of the Fire & Marine Insurance Office have offer'd to accommodate said Engine in the out building back of their office—the Board hereby consent to appoint a Company for the management of said Engine with the privileges attached to such Companies—and request the Gentlemen Fire Wards to nominate a Captain & Company for said Engine & to present the names as soon as may be, for approbation.—

Voted, that the Board will not consider [41.] the expence of the Constables who may attend the Patroles of Ward No. 7. as to be defrayed by the Town after the 30th. Inst.—but that the Citizens who form such Patroles be authorized and impower'd to

command the assistance of any one of the Watchmen of that Ward, in case of riotous and disorderly conduct, which may in their opinion require the interference of a legal Officer—

Also that the Constable of the Watch at West Boston be directed to aid & assist the patrole either by himself or any one of his Men, whenever called on for that purpose by the Officer of the Patrole—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Tileston, Hancock, Sherburne, Oliver, Howard—

A Meeting warned 4. O Clock P. M: for the consideration of M^{r}. John A. Dun's application for an appointment as an Auchtioneer—

M^{r}. John A: Dunn agreable to his application has been appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town—see 2^{d} last July—

On application from the Mechanick Association for the use of Faneuil Hall for a dinner on the anniversary of the choice of Officers—permission was granted—

Voted unanimously, that the Lamps be lighted 18 nights in each month, during the present season—

The Board considered and prepared the draft of a letter to the Agents upon the Towns claim under the will of the late Thom^{s}. Boylston Esq. in London, which is recorded in the minutes of their proceedings—

Samuel Curtis licensed as a Chimney Sweeper for the term of one month—also a Lad by the name of Joseph Flower for whose conduct Curtis is to be accountable—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 10 1800— Present Messrs:—

The Selectmen did not make a Board—

[42.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 11 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hancock, Sherburne, Tileston, Tilden, Porter, Oliver Sturgis

M^{r}. Israel Mead appointed a measurer of Wood from the Country on the Neck—

Voted, that our Representatives in the General Court be furnished with the Votes of this Town respecting the restrictions on the Aqueduct Corporation and Copies of the proceedings of the Legislature thereon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 17^{t}—1800 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Howard Hancock Porter Sherburne Tileston Oliver

Agreed to have a dinner for the School Committee after the Semi annual visitation, on Friday the 9th. Day of January of the Schools—

Approved of the Indentures of Alexander Martin a black Lad to Michael Williams as on file—

Received a communication from George Blanchard Inspector of the Legionary Brigade in this Town on the subject of the Towns provision of military equipments—ordered to be examined into, previous to the inspection

On application from the Undertakers of the common Sewer in Cambridge Street, that the amount may be determined, which they might demand from any Person who should enter said Common Shore with their Drains in future—whereupon. Voted, that the same principles which was adopted in Russell Street, be adheered to—to assess the whole amount upon the number of Lotts in the Street equally & that ten per cent be added to this sum, to form the amount which every Person should pay for the privilege of entring a Drain therein in future—

Cost of Common Shore.	1247—
deduct Subscriptions from Russell Street } from Buttolph Street }	250
	$997—
Whole number of Abutters. 37—in each - - - - - -	26 ,, 94
add 10 p c^{t}. as above stated - - - - - - - - - -	2 ,, 69
Amount of a right in future - - -	$29 ,, 63

[43.] On application from the Society of the first Church, liberty was granted to make use of the Latin School House two Evenings in the Week—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 24th Present Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis, Hancock Sherburne, Porter Tileston, Oliver

On application from Mr. Jonathan Grout for liberty to erect machinery for a Telegraph on fort hill, to make an experiment of its usefulness—Liberty was granted for the erection of such machinery under the direction of the Selectmen—

Mr. Seargent has liberty to bring paving Stones from Deer Island for the use of the Town, during the Winter to be landed on the Towns Slip near Rowes Wharf, or any other place where they may be deposited free of expence—Mr. Tilden is desired to give orders & directions for the same—

Mr. Faxton Sealer of weights & measures is directed to accommodate the County Treasurer, with the use of the Standards in his possession when ever called upon by him for that purpose

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Decemr. 29. 1800—Present Mess: Tilden Bulfinch, Hancock Porter Tileston Oliver Howard

Passed upon Accounts—

4. o Clock a Meeting is to be held for taking up the request of Mr. Nathaniel Phillips Hewes that he may [be] appointed an Auchtioneer for the remainder of the present Year—

4. o Clock.

The above named Person was appointed an Auchtioneer accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 7. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis, Tileston, Hancock, Oliver,

On application from the Captain of the Engine in School Street, agreed to have a Chimney built to that Engine House—

The Chairman & Mr. Sturgis a Commee. to view the Scales in the Market-house, & to order what repair may be necessary—

Passed upon a List of Licensed Retailers &c.

[**44.**] Messrs: Whelock & Simmons made return of their proceedings respecting a Stray Horse taken up by them & requested that they might be recorded & are as follows, vizt.—

Suffolk ss: To Messrs: Isaac Trask & Andrew Morton both of Boston, both disinterested & Judicious Men— —Greeting— —

By Virtue of the power & authority to me given, in & by a law of the Commonwealth entitled "An Act respecting lost Goods & Stray Beasts"—I do hereby appoint you to Appraise upon oath,

at the true value thereof in money according to your best skill & Judgement a Bay horse about 14 hands high, with a white Star in his fore-head, about 10 years old, been docked & nicked, found by David Parminter at Boston in the inclosure of Wheelock & Simmons—having performed this service, you are to make return of this Warr^{t}. into the Town Clerks Office of said Boston within seven day from the date hereof

Given under my hand & Seal of Office this 1st. Day of January Anno Domini 1801—

WILLIAM SHERBURNE Jus peace,

Boston January 3^{d}. 1801—

The above named Andrew Morton & Isaac Trask personally appeared and made oath, that they would faithfully & impartially perform the service for which they are appointed by the foregoing Warrant—

Before W^{m}. SHERBURNE Just. peace,

Boston January 3^{d}. 1801—

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant we the Subscribers have attended the service therein appointed us to perform and have carefully viewed & examined the Horse described by the said Warr^{t}. and considered his age qualities & defects (being broken winded & are of opinion that the full value of said Horse is Twenty Dollars and no more. Witness our hands the day & Year aforesaid—

ISAAC TRASK
ANDREW MORTON

[45.] On representation that Ballast had been taken from Deer Island for the supply of Ships under cover of the permit given to take such Ballast as may be wanted for the use of the new Alms-house—Ordered that M^{r}. Tukesbury be directed to permit no Ballast whatsoever to be taken from the Island untill further orders—Also Voted that Mess: Green who are represented as guilty of the above trespass, be immediately prosecuted.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 14—1801 Present Messrs: Tilden, Hancock, Tileston, Bulfinch, Sturgis, Howard, Porter Oliver

M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Sturgis a Committee to endeavour to procure a situation for the Cataract Engine & to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 21. 1801 Present Messrs: Tilden Sturgis Hancock Sherburne Tileston, Oliver, Porter

Whereas Samuel N. Cushing has applied to this Board for leave to erect a Shed upon a passage way between his House & a Barn

of Meletiah Bourn, for a few months only—Voted, that Maj^{r}. Tilden M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Tileston be a Committee to repair to the passage way aforesaid, consider the expediency of complying with M^{r}. Cushings request, & if they think it advisable grant him the privilege desired,—they have full liberty for so doing, taking said Cushings obligation to remove said Shed whenever required by this Board so to do—

Several Persons approved of for licenses to retail as by list given the Town Clerk—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 26. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Hancock, Tileston, Sturgis Howard Porter,

Passed upon Accounts—

Barnabus Connor on the 26 Ins^{t} as Hayward, made report of proceedings respecting two Stray Beasts taken up & impounded by him which are as follows—vizt—
Boston ss: Suffolk County—

To Messrs: Benjamin Simpson & Edward Jones both of said Boston & Judicious & disinterested Men Greeting—

Agreeable to the authority vested in me by a law of this [46.] Commonwealth intitled "An Act respecting lost Goods & Stray Beasts" You are hereby appointed & impowerd to appraise upon Oath at the true value thereof in money according to your best skill & Judgement a Mare of a black colour with a Saddle & Bridle: also a Bay Colt with a Star in his Fore-head, both taken up & impounded by Barnabus Connor, who has entred posted & cryed the same as the Law directs—and you are to make Return of this Warrant with your doings therein into the Town Clerks Office of said Boston within seven days from the date hereof—

Given under my hand & seal this 1st. Day of January Anno Domini 1801—

WILLIAM COOPER Clerk of said Town of Boston

Suffolk ss: Boston January 12. 1801

The above named Benjamin Simpson & Edward Jones Personally appeared & made oath that they would faithfully appraise the Mare Colt & Saddle & Bridle mentioned in the foregoing Warrant, according to their best Judgement

Before me

WILLIAM COOPER Clerk of said Town

Boston January 13, 1801

Pursuant to the 'foregoing Warrant, we the Subscribers have attended the service therein appointed to us to perform, and having carefully viewed & examined the Mare & Colt, described by said Warrant, together with the Saddle & Bridle—We are of opinion that the full value of said Mare is 2 Dollars that of the Colt, 15 Dollars and that of the Saddle & Bridle 1 Dollar, amounting in the whole to eighteen Dollars—

Witness our hands the Day & Year aforesaid

BENJAMIN SIMPSON
EDWARD JONES—

At a Meeting for drawing Jurors for the Supreme Judicial Court, this Day proceeded to fill up the number of Jurors in the room of three excused—Adjourned the Meeting for choice of Jurors to Wednesday the 4t. of February next—

[47.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 28. 1801. Present Messrs: Tilden, Hancock, Sherburne, Tileston, Howard, Bulfinch, Sturgis, Porter, Oliver

Passed upon other Accounts—

The Chairman was desired to procure two compleat Scales & Beams for Faneuil Hall Market and to have the two others repaired and any new weights added that may be wanting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Feby. 4. 1801 Present Mess Bulfinch, Tileston Howard Hancock, Porter, Sturgis, Oliver, Sherburne,

Mr. Sturgis is desired to confer with Messrs: Parsons and Doane Sureties for Mr. Thompson, Collector deceased, respecting the Collection of the residue of the Taxes given him to Collect, and to Report on Fryday next—

On the Petition of Oliver Hartshorne & others, that a Street bordering on their lots at West Boston should be laid out to ascertain their boundaries—the Chairman was desired to view the situation of the Street & to ascertain the situation of the old Street—and to Report—

The Chairman Mr. Sturgis, Mr. Oliver & Mr. Hancock a Committee to attend the Committee of the General Court on the subject of the Towns Memorial requesting restrictions on the Aqueduct Corporation—

Voted, that Mr. Howard & Mr. Clap the Town Treasurer be requested to borrow of the Union Bank, two thousand Dollars for the purpose of paying for the Oil used in the Lamps this

season, the same to be repaid to the Bank as soon as the Monies shall be paid in by the Collectors

The Chairman is desired to apply to our Representatives in the General Court for their exertions to obtain an addition to the Act forbidding Foreign Africans to reside in this State; the additional Act to extend to Molattoes Lascars and East Indians—

Josiah Knap exhibited an Account of the Expence of building a Common Sewer, & filling up the dock between him & Mr. Healey, amounting to the Sum of 1069 Dollars 91 Cents—pursuant to his agreement with the [48.] Selectmen on the 29t Day of July 1799 which is on Record, and the above mentioned Account is on file

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 11, 1801 Present Messrs: Howard, Tileston, Tilden, Sturgis, Bulfinch, Sherburne, Oliver,

Approved of the Indentures of Charles Bolt to Capt. Jeremiah Rea, as on file—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 18 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis, Sherburne Tileston Porter, Oliver,

Mr. Dearborn having made an offer to present to the Town for the use of Faneuil Hall Market one of his Patent Vibrating Steel Yards—Voted to accept the same & that the Thanks of the Board be presented him—and propose that the Beam be marked *Town of Boston*, presented by Benjamin Dearborn—

The Board heard & examined several Persons on the subject of an alarm by fire discover'd yesterday in the Porch of Dr. Lothrops Meeting House, & endeavoured to ascertain whether the same was occasioned by accident or design—but after full examination could obtain no satisfactory evidence on the subject—N. B. An Advertizement recommending vigilance was inserted in the Centinel last Wednesday—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23d. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston Hancock Sturgis Sherburne Howard, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 25. 1801 Present Mess: Tilden Sturgis Howard Hancock Sherburne Porter Tileston Oliver

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2d. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Howard Tileston Sturgis Porter Hancock Oliver

A Meeting called at 4. O. Clock to consider the application of John W. Folsom as an Auchtioneer—

[49.] Town Clerk to prepare a Warrant for March Meeting to be held the 2d. Monday of March Inst. being the 9t of said Month—

Mr. Edes to have the printing of the Notifications—

Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Howard a Commee. to wait on Revd. Mr. Baldwin & to request his opening Town Meeting with Prayer—

4. o Clock Mr. John W. Folsome according to his request is appointed an Auchtioneer for the remainder of [of the year]

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9t 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Howard Sherburne Hancock Porter Tileston Oliver

Approved of the Indentures to John Chapman to Daniel Lillie Junr. Boat Builder as on file—also approved of the Indentures of Joseph Morgan to Benjamin Conney Mast Maker as on file—

Capt. Howard was desired to call upon Mr. Welch the Agent of the Mill Proprietors, to have the Fence repaired on the West side of the Mill Bridge, & to exhibit his Account for the Towns proportion—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Howard Sherburne Porter Tileston Oliver Hunnewell

On application of Aaron Dexter & others, for liberty to open the Common Sewer leading from Milk Street to Olivers Dock for the purpose of repairing the same—Ordered—

That the Applicants give notice to all the Proprietors in said Common Sewer, or where Drains enter therein to appear & show cause why said Repairs should not be undertaken & assessed on them generally according to Law, they to appear on or before Wednesday next at the Select Mens Room, or every Day previous thereto; between the hours of 12 & 1. o: Clock

Upon complaint from Thomas O. Selfridge Esq. of abusive [50.] conduct from Timothy Coffran the Driver of Hackney Carriage No. 34—owned by Capt. Patrick Connor—Voted, the Parties having been heard, and the cause of complaint being

proved—Voted, that Mr. Connor be required to dismiss the said Coffran immediately from his service as a Driver, otherwise that he will be deprived of his License for that Carriage

Voted to adopt the Regulations for the Office of Hay-weigher, which were passed the last Year on the 12t. Day of March, as on Record—to be in force for the present Year

Wednesday next assigned for the choice of a Hay-weigher for the present Year—

The Board came to the choice of a Messenger for the Year ensuing, and the Vote being taken, it appeared, that Matthew Nazro, was chosen—

The Board came to the choice of a Superintendent of Police for the Year ensuing, and the Vote being taken it appeared that—Charles Bulfinch Esq.—was chosen—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 18. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Howard, Tileston, Sherburne, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Tilden, Sturgis

Dr. Aaron Dexter made return of the Names of the Proprietors of the Common Sewer from Milk Street to Olivers Dock who had been notified conformable to the order passed on Wednesday last—It was agreed that the applicants should proceed to repair the same if in their Judgement it should appear necessary, upon examination of the same—

Mr. Porter Mr. Tileston Mr. Oliver & Mr. Hunnewell a Committee for the care & improvement of the Common the present Year—

Mr. Porter & Mr. Oliver a Committee for repairing Marlborough Street, Newbury, Orange & Washington Street, like wise all Streets West & East to the South of Liberty Tree so called—

[**51.**] Mr. Tilden Tileston & Hunnewell to repair Streets to the Eastward of the Main Street Ward No. 10—

Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Howard all the Streets below the Bridge—

Mr. Bulfinch & Mr. Sturgis for the Streets in the other parts of the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 25. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard Porter Sherburne Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell

Edward C. How applies for a Deed of the Land on which his Ropewalk stands at the bottom of the Common

Jonathan Wild has liberty to lead the Waste water from his Pump into the Common Sewer in Middle Street on the usual Conditions—

Wednesday next assigned for coming to the choice of a Hay weigher, for the Year ensuing—

Mr. Zephenia Spurr, was approved of & appointed Captain of the new Cataract Engine—and a list of Engine Men was presented by him which was approved and ordered to be entred in the Book

On application from the Fire-wards of the Town that the Selectmen would direct the Constables to prosecute any Person who shall carry any fire thro: any Street or Lane or on any Wharff in this Town except in some cover'd Vessell, or who shall smoke or have in his possession any lighted Pipe or Segar in any Street or Lane or on any Wharff contrary to Law: and the Fire-wards agreeing by their application which is on file, to relinquish to such Constables, that part of the Fine which by Law accrues to them—Voted, that the several Constables of the Town be directed to prosecute the breaches of the law in this respect which come within their notice & observation & that they be informed of the encouragement offer'd them by the Gentlemen Fire-wards in relinquishing their proportion of the Fines—

sent

Meeting for choice of Jurymen for C. C. P. April term [**52.**] Adjourned to Wednesday next. 4. O.' Clock P: M:

Application having been made to this Board by several respectable Gentlemen a Committee from a number of Inhabitants of the Town, that leave be granted them to meet at Faneuil Hall on some Evening previous to the 1st. Monday of April next—Voted, That the said request be so far complied with that the said Inhabitants so applying, have the use of the Hall on any Evening they wish, previous to the said Monday of April, Saturday & Sabbath Evenings excepted, *and in order that it may not be considered that the Selectmen act with any partiality*, they now inform the Inhabitants of the Town at large, that any other application that may be made for the like purpose, will be granted—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30. 1801 Present Mess: Sherburne, Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell Howard Porter

Passed upon Accounts

On Wednesday the 25 of March Ins^{t}. a Warrant was issued by the Selectmen, for convening the Inhabitants on the 1st. Monday of April next, for the choice of Govr. L^{t}. Govr. & 4 Senators as by ye Law directed—

Voted, that M^{r}. Benjamin Edes have the printing of the Notifications

M^{r}. Bulfinch & Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to wait on the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Freeman with the request of the Selectmen, that he would open said Meeting with prayer—

M^{r}. Benjamin Henderson & M^{r}. Thomas Bayley Collector for 1799, having produced discharges from the several Treasurers for the Sums committed to them to Collect—the Town is to deliver them their Bonds for said Year—

The Chairman is desired to view the fence lately put up by M^{r}. Polley & to Report Wednesday next, whether any encroachment is made on the Street—

The Committee on Common, to enquire for Popler Trees & Report the Price—

[**53.**] M^{r}. Tileston Sturgis & Hunnewell a Comm^{ee}: to view the Common Sewer which is now repairing from Milk Street to Olivers Dock—to consider the propriety of altering the course of part thereof, which runs under the Buildings of M^{r}. Magnor—also what part of the expence of said alteration should be paid by M^{r}. Magnor—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 1–1801 Present Messrs: Porter, Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis Tileston Sherburne Tileston Hunnewell Oliver

This time being assigned for coming to the choice of a Hay-weigher, the ballots were taken & it all appeared that M^{r}. George Trott was unanimously chosen; his appointment to commence from this Day—and the Town Clerk is to furnish him with the Vote of the Selectmen for regulating the Duty of the Hay-weigher, which passed the last Year—

sent

The Comm^{ee}. to view the Common Sewer from Milk Street to Olivers Dock Report—That part of said Sewer runs under Buildings the property of M^{r}. John Magner, that there is danger of injuring said Buildings & of incurring a very great additional expence in any attempt to clear or repair that part. M^{r}. Magner having proposed that the course of such part of this Common Sewer should be altered so as to lead into the Street clear of the

foundations of his buildings—the Comm^{ee}. have agreed that he shall pay one half of the whole expence of digging, laying & compleating the new part of said Common Sewer, Materials included & shall remove his necessary-house from its situation over the Sewer, and that Mr. Magner shall be exempted from any proportion of the Assessment for the present repair of the other part of said Common Sewer—

sent

M^{r}. Marshall lately chosen a Collector of Taxes by the Town, having proposed Eben^{r}. Parsons & Isaiah Doane Esqrs as his Bondsmen, they are approved of for his Bondsmen—

On application of D^{r}. Townsend & others for liberty to plant a Row of Poplar Trees in front of the Common—leave is granted on condition of their being placed 4 feet only from the Brick Wall

[**54.**] The Chairman & M^{r}. Porter a Comm^{ee}. to view the spot of Ground in Pleasant Street, where M^{r}. Whitmarsh intend to erect a Building—to ascertain the line of the Street in that place, or to vary it as the public convenience may require—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 4^{t}. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sherburne Sturgis Howard Tileston Hunnewell

Upon representation that M^{r}. Elisha Sigorney was making an incroachment on the new line of Cambridge Street & that he persisted in doing it after being requested to desist—

Voted, that the Chairman be desired to enter a complaint before the Town Advocate that M^{r}. Sigorney may be brought to tryal at the next Municipal Court for this trespass—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8. 1801 Present Mess Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Tileston Sherburne Porter Oliver,

The Committee chosen to view Pleasant Street—Reported that the[y] had drawn a line on the Easterly side of said Street, from the Corner of Eliot Street Southerly, to be considered in future as the boundary line of that part of said Street.—beginning from the corner of Eliot Street which is 30 feet 6. inches from the house of John Tuckerman & 38 feet from the opposite side of Pleasant Street on land of John Bowens—thence running on a straight line Southerly to the north corner of ye house of M^{r}. Stevens; said Pleasant Street being 38 feet 6 inches wide from the north corner of Stevens's house to the South corner of the House of Simon Hastings—this Report was accepted & confirm'd by the Board & order'd to be entred on record—

Col°. Dawes a Comm^ee^. from Massachuset Bank applies for liberty to open the ground in Corn Street to lay a drain from their Bank to the Common Sewer—condition'd to repair the pavement & properly securing it.—

M^r^. Sturgis & M^r^. Tileston were desired to procure the Towns proportion of Powder Ball & Camp Equipage against the next Brigade inspection—

[**55.**] Inspected M^r^. Tukesbury Acco^t^. of Repairs on the Buildings at Deer Island & directed him to make an addition to the East end of the Hall 14 feet long—and to plant 20 Poplar Trees in front of the House—the expence to be allowed out of the Rent—Agreed to allow M^r^. Tukesbury the privilege of taking Ballast from the two points of Deer Island called Cedar point & Secured point, he to pay 100 Dollars for this privilege, for one year only—all the paving Stones to be reserved for the use of the Town. The above sum of 100 Dollars to be considered as additional to the Rent of 200 Dollars for the Island for the Year—

The Board appointed M^r^. Mock to Collect the Cow money for the Year ensuing—he to receive $\frac{1}{3}$^d^. of the sums he may collect, for his services

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 15. 1801—Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis, Oliver Porter, Hunnewell Tileston, Howard,

The Town Clerk is to draw a Bond for Christopher Marshall Esq. appointed by the Assessors to collect the balance of Taxes given to the late Collector Thompson to Collect—the Bond was accordingly drawn & being approved of by the Selectmen, was executed by M^r^. Marshall & placed on the Town file of Bonds, he was also sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, by the Town Clerk—

The Committee of the Common was authorized to plant a number of Trees round B[e]acon-hill & to fence the same—

The Chairman is authorized to confer with the Abuttors on Belknap Street respecting the expediency of opening a passage through the Rope-walks of M^r^. Austin & to determine what part of the expence they will defrey, & to confer with M^r^. Austin on the subject—

The Chairman is desired to inform the Agents of the Aqueduct Corporation, that the Board would be ready to confer with them or any Committee of them on the subject of their proposal for a Reservoir on Fort-hill, next Wednesday P: M: 4 o'Clock

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen April 22d. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Hunnewell, Tileston, Oliver, Sturgis, Sherburne, Porter,

Mr. Mock appointed to Collect Cow money was directed to advertize the Tax on the Cows for the present Year at 75 Cents for such as go at large & 37½ Cents for those that are kept up—

[56.] The Board had a conference with the Committee of the Agents of the Aqueduct upon their proposal for a Reservoir on Fort-hill—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 1801 Present Mess: Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Sherburne, Bulfinch, Oliver, Howard Tilden

Passed upon Accounts

Mr. Benjamin Jepson Collector having produced Receits from the State County & Town Treasurers for all the taxes of 1799 given him to collect—the Town Clerk is to deliver him his Bond for that year—

On application of Colo. Seth King & others for liberty to open the Common Sewer in Dock Square for the purpose of repairing the same—*Ordered* that the Applicants give notice to all the Proprietors in said Common Sewer, or where Drains enter therein, to appear & show cause why said Repairs should not be undertaken & assessed on them generally according to law—they to appear on or before Wednesday the 6th. of May next at the Selectmens Room or any day previous thereto, between the hours of 12. & 1. o.'Clock—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Passed upon other Accounts

The Town Clerk is directed to prepare a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Wednesday the 13t. of May next 10. o Clock A: M:

Revd. Mr. Emmerson to be requested to open the Town Meeting with prayer—& Mr. Tilden & Mr. Tileston—a Committee to wait upon Mr. Emmerson for that purpose—

Mr. Edes the Elder, to have the printing of the Notification

The Administrators on the Estate of Mr. James Thompson late Collector having produced Receipts from the State County &

Town Treasurers for the sums given him to collect for 1799—the Town Clerk is to deliver the Bonds given for that Year—

M^r^. Richard Faxon M^r^. Richard Austin M^r^. Timothy Greene are chosen Sealers of Weights & Measures in the several Districts assigned to them the last Year—

[**57.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 6th. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sherburne, Sturgis, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Tilden,

At a Meeting of the Selectmen the 1st. of May Ins^t^.—On application from John Osborn, John Welles & Jonathan Amory for liberty to open the Common Sewer from back of the Houses on the North side of Franklyn place, for the purpose of repairing the same, *Ordered* that the Applicants give notice to the Proprietors in said Common Sewer, or where Drains enter therein, to appear & show cause why said repairs should not be undertaken & assessed on them generally according to law—they to appear on or before Wednesday the 6^t^. Ins^t^. at the Selectmens Room or every day previous thereto, between the hours of 12 & 1. O.'Clock—

On application from M^r^. Samuel Hastings for liberty to open the Common Sewer in Newbury Street for the purpose of repairing the same—*Ordered* that the Applicant[s] give notice to the Proprietors in said Common Sewer or other Drains entring therein, to appear & show cause why said repairs should not be undertaken & assessed on them generally according to Law, [that] they do appear on or before Wednesday the 13 Ins^t^. at the Selectmens Room on any day previous thereto, between the hours of 12 & 1. O.'Clock—

On complaint of the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Middle Street against a Drain which M^r^. Josias Nottage in behalf of M^r^. Devens, is carrying into the same & to be made of Wood—M^r^. Nottage is directed to lay that part of the Drain which is in the Street with Brick or Stone & to cover all with Slate—

M^r^. Israel Cook is approved as a packer of Pork & pickled Fish for the Year ensuing—

Messrs: Tilden, Sherburne & Hunnewell a Comm^tee^. to consider on what conditions & restrictions the Petition of the Aqueduct Corporation for a Reservoir on Fort Hill may be complied with—

[**58.**] On the application of Stephen Gorham Esq & others that the Board would direct the part of Water Street at the bot-

tom of Pearl Street to be raised to carry the Water over Ground into the Sea—

Voted unanimously, that upon consideration that the Street has lately been paved at the expence of the Town & the Common Sewer has been throughly repaired, which its hoped will remove the inconvenience complained of, the Board cannot think it expedient to make the proposed alteration at the expence of the Town; but that the Petitions may have liberty, to make the proposed improvement at their own expence, upon condition that they indemnify or otherwise satisfy all the Abutters for every injury that may be done them by so raising the Street.—

sent

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, [Blank]

Return was made by D^{r}. Aaron Dexter of the Expence attending the Repairs of the Common Shore from Milk Street to Olivers Dock, and Order passed that the same be assessed on the Persons interested as follows Viz

The Accompt of the Expences in opening and repairing the Common Shore from Milk Street to Olivers Dock, was laid before the Selectmen by D^{r}. Aaron Dexter, & by the Selectmen examined & allowed; they being informed at the same time, that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned according to law, and no objection having been entred to his proceeding—Assessment was made by the Selectmen, and an Order for payment delivered to the said Aaron Dexter, which is as follows—Viz^{t}—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore running from Milk Street to Olivers Dock so called in Boston aforesaid has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Aaron Dexter, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account laid before, & examined by us the Subscribers amounted to four hundred sixty three Dollars nine Cents, and as such Expence is to be paid by such Person or [59.] Persons whose Drain enters into said Common Shore, & receives benefit thereby, and in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by Law to Apportion the same, & the said Aaron Dexter having agreable to said Law Notified all concerned before he had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boston, do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expences, and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid—do *Adjudge* that the same ought to be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereunder named—Viz^{t}.—

David Wild	1 Drain	$5 ,, 65
James Bowdoin	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Thomas K. Jones	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
James Wakefield	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Joseph Shed	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Samuel Parkman	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
John Cushing	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
David Hill	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Isaac Rand tertius	1 ditto	5 ,, 66
Stephen Gorham	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Henry Smith	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
James Lovel	½ ditto	2 ,, 82½
Thomas H. Perkins	½ ditto	2 ,, 82½
Simeon Polly	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Sarah Tilden	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Samuel Thwing Junr.	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Jonathan Fowles	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Aaron Dexter	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Peter R. Dalton	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
[Blank] Julian	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Ebenezer Niles	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
John Fleet	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Ebenezer Dorr	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Daniel Tuttle	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
M^r. Appleton	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
William Collman	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Isaac Townsend	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
[60.] M^rs. Wheelwright	1 Drain	5 ,, 65
Jefferson Richardson	1 Drain	5 ,, 65
Capt^t. Cowell	1 Drain	5 ,, 65
James Carter	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
George Blanchard	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
William Tilden	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Thomas Davis	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Russell Sturgis	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Mark Pickhard	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Edward Blanchard	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Robert T. Paine	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
D^r. Sprague	2 ditto	11 ,, 30
John Sullivan	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Elisha Sigorney. Treasu^r. Theatre	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Thomas Walley	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Charles Miller	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Ditto. for Hunts House	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Joseph Foster	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Simeon Eliot	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
John Coats	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Jeremiah Bulfinch	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Nathaniel Foster	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
Stephen Higginson	1 ditto	5 ,, 65

	Thomas Hows	1 ditto	$5 ,, 65
	John Cobourn	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	John F. Williams	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Widow Eliot	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	John Ashton	½ ditto	2 ,, 82½
	Robert How	½ ditto	2 ,, 82½
	Stephen Hall	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Mr. Walleys House	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Mr. Sumners House	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	John Simkins	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	William Hall	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Mr. Furnis	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Mr. Russells Estate	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Thomas Winthrop	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Benjamin [Blank]	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	John Adams	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	John Fillebrown	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	John Stoughton	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
[61.]	Gardner Green	1 Drain	5 ,, 65
	John McLane	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Thomas C. Amory	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	John Wells	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	John Osborn	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Lady Temple	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Mr. Woods Estate	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Widow Mary Coffin	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Treasurer Coffin	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Shubael Hews	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Mr. Wall	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Capt. Johnson	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Mr. Whites House	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Joseph Pope	1 ditto	5 ,, 65
	Joseph Coolidge	1 ditto	5 ,, 65

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Aaron Dexter to recieve of the Persons within named, the Sums affixed to their several Names and to give discharges therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
[Blank]
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis Oliver, Tilden, Tileston, Sherburne, Hunnewell,

M^{r}. George Hiler approved as a Packer of Pork Beef & pickled Fish—

D^{r}. Noyes & M^{r}. Bradley apply for repairs on Fitches Alley—

Charles Cushing Esq for repairs on Beacon Street—

Liberty is granted to Edward Gray Esq. to place a range of Posts in front of his House in Brattle Square, at the Distance of six feet from [**62.**] the same upon condition that he shall first take down the large Tree now standing in the Square—and hereafter place a row of Trees, at a suitable season immediately within the Posts—and the Neighbours on the same side of the Square to Belknaps Alley, are allowed the same liberty, on condition of placing Trees as above directed.—

The Chairman is desired to have a Drain laid from the Town Pump to the Common Sewer in Cornhill, with suitable sinks & grates—

M^{r}. Porter Oliver & Hunnewell a Committee to confer with M^{r}. Josiah Knap respecting a brick front to the Towns Watch-house in Orange Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis, Tileston, Porter, Howard, Oliver Hunnewell Sherburne—

Passed upon Accounts—

The Board proceeded in conformity to the Law of the Commonwealth passed March 7. last, to make choice of a Person to ascertain the capacities of all Boats & Lighters employ'd in the Town to bring Stones Gravel or Sand & to mark the same as prescribed in said Act—and unanimously chose M^{r}. Caleb Beals to this Office, by ballot—Mem^{o}. M^{r}. Beals has been sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3^{d}. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Sherburne, Porter, Sturgis, Oliver,

Passed upon other Accounts—

The Board came to the choice of an Orator for the 4th. of July next, and unanimously Voted, to apply to Charles Paine Esq. to deliver an Oration according to the Vote of the Town

The Chairman & Mr. Oliver were desired to wait on Mr. Paine with the above Vote—

Mr. Z. Adams applied for liberty to keep a Machine called the Federal Balloon in the place where it now stands near the Common—Ordered, that the proprietors be directed to remove the said Machine from the view of the Street—

Voted to allow fifty Dollars towards the Expence [**63.**] of paving Fitches Alley, the same to be done with flat stone throughout, & the sum to be paid upon the work being compleated to the satisfaction of the Selectmen—

Agreed to the proposal of Mr. Josiah Knapp for building a Brick front to the Watch House in Orange Street—the cost of the same not to exceed thirty Dollars on the part of the Town.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10—1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tileston, Porter Sherburne Oliver, Tilden, Sturgis Hunnewell,

Four Jurors drawn for District Court—& 24 Jurors for the Court of Common Pleas—& adjourned to Wednesday next 4. o: Clock—the Names of the Persons chosen are entred on the Jury Books

On application from George W. Erving Esq. for a new Reference to appraise Land taken into Back Street from an Estate claimed by him—the Board were of opinion, that their proceedings respecting said Land were regular, & that they could take no further measures relative thereto—

Mr. David Bradley applied for compensation for a piece of Land taken into Brattle Street from an Estate lately owned by Mr. Lee of Cambridge—in consideration that the sd. Land had been taken into the Street nearly 20 Years—has been paved at the expence of the Town & that the present Fences were erected by the Owners or with their consent; the Board were of opinion, that the said Land is now part of the Street or Highway, & that it is not expedient to take any measures respecting it.—

The Chairman was desired to make an agreement with some suitable Person for printing the Abstract of the last Years expences

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 17—1801—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Tileston, Oliver, Howard, Tilden, Sherburne, Howard [sic] Sturgis

The Town Clerk directed to Notify the Public that the Hay-weigher would not weigh any Hay that was not merchantable & well made—

Meeting for Jurors adjourned to 4 : Clock next Wednesday

[64.] The Board proceeded to view a piece of Land in Elm Street, where Mr. Whentworth is about erecting a House and conferred with him on the subject of taking a part thereof into the Street—and determined that so much of his Land should be added to the Street as would make the same as wide on his East line as it now is on the West line of his land, so as to measure 30 feet from the East Corner of the Brick house, now occupied by Mr. Edward Edes Junr—

On the application of Capt. Amasa Davis for the repairs of a Gutter in Orange Street—the Committee at that Quarter was desired to attend the same, & to have it effectually repaired—the Applicant to pay half the Expence, if it should be found necessary to sink the Water under Ground—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24. 1801 Present Messrs: Tilden, Porter, Howard, Tileston, Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Sturgis, Oliver,

Warrant issued for a Town Meeting the 4th. of July next at Faneuil Hall. 9. O Clock—

Voted, that the Bells be rung on the Morning of the 4th. of July next from the hour of 6. & [to] 7. being the Anniversary of Independence, and that four Constables be appointed to preserve good order in the Common on that Day—

The following Persons, on application to the Selectmen—vizt.

Messrs: Elisha Sumner	Samuel Morse
William Homer	Elisha Ticknor
Oliver Johonnot	Andrew Dunlap
Samuel Hall & Mr. Furness)	Ebenr. Lewis & }
Abraham Wild	Elijah Williams }
Abijah Crane	Dr. John Warren
John Peirce	Rufus Tower—

have liberty granted to build Tombs on the West Line of the South Burying Ground, no Tomb to exceed 7 feet front and 8 feet deep—

It having been represented that two Boards have been placed at the Corners of a Lane leading from Kilbey Street with the name of Magnors Row upon them—Voted

[**65.**] That the same Boards be removed, and that two others be placed there, with the former Name of Lindalls Lane—

Agreed to have a Dinner at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 8th. of July next after the Visitation of the Schools—& Mr. Bulfinch & Mr. Oliver, a Commee. to provide the Dinner

Agreed to appropriate the following Sums to the pavement of new Streets; the same to be paid to such Persons as shall undertake to inspect & execute the work to the satisfaction of the Board—the side pavement being also compleated according to Law—vizt.—

To the whole of So. Street, & that part of Essex Street from So. Street to the Glass-house land - - -	$1700—
To the So. part of Kilbey Street from Water, to Milk Street	400—
To Henchmans Lane from Charter to Lyn Street	200—
To So. Bennet Street, from Orange Street to the Water	300—
To Cambridge Street West from Chambers Street to the Bridge	1700
	$4300

also Voted, to pave & repair the following Streets—Vizt.—
Water Street, from Mr. Bass's Easterly.—
Marlborough Street near Old South Church
The upper part of Milk Street—
The Easterly part of Cambridge Street—

Return was made by Mr. Seth King of the Expence attending laying a Drain from Brattle Square to the Dock—

The Account of the Expences in opening and laying a Drain as mentioned above, was by the Selectmen examined & allowed, they being informed at the same time by said King, that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned, according to law, and no objection having been entred to his proceeding—Assessment was made by the Selectmen; and an Order for payment delivered to the said Seth King, which [**66.**] is as follows—vizt.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore has been laid from Brattle Square to the Dock, by the above named Seth King, the whole expence whereof according to an account thereof laid before & examined by us the Subscribers amounted to One hundred & ten Dollars, & as such expence is to be paid by such Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore, & recieve benefit thereby & in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them who are empower'd by Law to Apportion the same; and the Said Seth

King having agreable to said Law notified all concerned before he had proceeded on the business, & no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston, do hereby Certify, that having considered of said Expences, and by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid—Do ADJUDGE that the same ought to be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons here-under named—Viz^{t}.—

D^{r}. Loring - - - - - - -	1 Drain -	$13 ,, 75
M^{rs}. Welsh - - - - - - -	1 Drain -	13 ,, 75
M^{r}. B - - - - - - - -	1 ditto - -	13 ,, 75
Daniel Greanleaff - - - - -	1 ditto - -	13 ,, 75
Charles Cushing Esq - - -	1 ditto - -	13 ,, 75
M^{r}. Valentine - - - - - -	1 ditto - -	13 ,, 75
M^{r}. Miles—(Occupant) - -	1 ditto - -	13 ,, 75

And we do hereby appoint the afore named Seth King to receive of the Persons within named, the Sums affix'd to their several Names & give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
W^{M}. SHERBURNE
EBEN^{R}. OLIVER
JON^{A}. HUNNEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston

[67.] Return was made by M^{r}. Seth King of the Expence of digging covering &^{c}. a Drain in Market Square from Court Street—

The Account of the Expence in digging covering &^{c}. the Drain mentioned above, was by the Selectmen Examined & allowed, they being informed at the same time by the said King, that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned according to law, and no objection having been made to his proceeding—Assessment was made by the Selectmen, & an Order for payment delivered to the said Seth King which is as follows—vizt.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore has been laid in Market Square by the above named Seth King, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account laid before & examined by the Selectmen amounted to two hundred & fourteen Dollars 27 Cents, and as such Expence is to be paid by such Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby, and in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are appointed by law to Apportion the same; and the said Seth King having agreable to said Law, notified all concerned before he had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—therefore

we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expences, & by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid—*Do Adjudge*, that the same ought to be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereunder named—Viz.t—

Messrs:	John Brazier	3 Drains	$20 ,, 10
[68.]	John Willis	1 Drain	6 ,, 70
	Union Bank	1 do	6 ,, 70
	Charles French	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Benjamin Hitchborn	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	[Blank] Lane & others	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Gowen Brown	2 d°.	13 ,, 40
	Jonathan Harris	2 d°.	13 ,, 40
	John Codman	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	William Welsh	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Samuel Eliot	2 d°.	13 ,, 40
	Peter Richardson	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	John Fisher	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Jeremiah Belknap		
	Drownes Estate	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	[Blank] Bazin (Drowns Heirs)	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Thomas Perkins	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	John Carnes	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Samuel Hall	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	John Simkins	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Margaret Phillips	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Andrew Brimmer	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Ebenezer Larkin	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Tuttle Hubbard	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Caleb Bingham (Occupant)	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	[Blank] Thompson	1 d°.	6 ,, 70
	Rufus G. Amory	1 d°.	6 ,, 70

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Seth King to receive of the Persons within named the Sums Affixed to their several Names & to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WM PORTER
W: SHERBURNE
EBENEZER OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston

[69.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Sherburne, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

On application from the Auchtioneers of the last Year a Meeting of the Selectmen will be held on the 4 Ins^{t}. 9. Clock for the special purpose of appointing Auchtioneers for the present Year

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 4. 1801—9. Clock Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Sherburne, Howard, Tileston, Oliver Sturgis

This being a Meeting for the special purpose of considering the applications made for the appointment of Auchtioneers for the present Year the following Persons were appointed by the Selectmen—Viz^{t}—

Messrs: Thomas K. Jones
Samuel Clap
Benjamin Wiggins
John B. Green
Samuel Bradford
William Eustis
Joshua Eaton
Robert Gardner
Thomas Fisher
John Perkins
Thomas Clark—
John W. Quincy
William Alline
John Jutau
Azor. G. Archibald
Daniel Wild
Robert G. Shaw
Samuel Blagge
Appleton Prentice
John Dunn
Nathaniel Phillips Hews

see October 7^{t}. 21^{t} 26 Sepr. 29—Jany 25

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7, 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Tilden, Hunnewell, Sherburne, Oliver,

[**70.**] In order to ascertain the value of a piece of Land laid into Cambridge Street, for the purpose of widening the same; which Land belongs to Eliphalet Fitch Esq. of Jamaica, or other Persons claiming under him—

Voted, that this Board in concert with M^{r}. Sigorney who now claims the said Land; Agree to make choice of four disinterested Persons, for the purpose of viewing & appraising said Land; & to estimate the damages if any, which the Town ought to pay to

the Owners of said Estate for the part so taken into the Street as the Fence now stands—The division & Award of the major part of such Referrees to be final; and in case the major part of said Gentlemen cannot agree upon an Award, that they have liberty to appoint any one disinterested Person in addition to their number, and the Award of the major part of the Referrees then to be conclusive—The Persons agreed upon are Judge Tudor, Gener[l]. Winslow Josiah Knap & John Andrews,—And the Chairman M[r]. Sherburne & M[r]. Oliver were desired to attend the Meeting of said Referrees, in order to state the circumstances on the part of the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 10. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Howard Porter Sherburne Oliver Hunnewell—

Proceeded to draw 20 Grand Jurors & 36 Petit Jurors for the Supreme Judicial Court, August term, as entred on the Jury Books—& then Adjourned to Wednesday the 22[d]. Ins[t].—

On application, the following Persons have liberty to build Tombs in the South Burying Ground—viz[t].—

John Kennedy - - - - - - - -	John Appleton
M[rs]. McGee	Seth Wright
James Cassell	Thomas Williams
Peter Osgood	Thomas Berry
Samuel Abbot	

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen—July 17. 1801 Present Mess[rs]: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Porter Sherburne, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell Howard,

Passed upon the List of Persons Licensed last Year and made return on the same (as p a Copy of the same on file) to the Clerk of the Court of Sessions for the County of Suffolk—

Agreable to a Precept from the Hon[ble]. Judge of Probate, for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of John Welch Billings, when it appeared that he was and long [71.] had been non compos—and certificate was made accordingly

The following is the award of the Referrees appointed to consider the Claim of M[r]. Elisha Sigorney on the Town viz[t]—

The Subscribers Referrees mentioned in the above Agreement have attended to the business submitted to their consideration, have viewed the Ground & heard the respective Parties, and after duly weighing all circumstances do—Award—That the Town of

Boston shall pay to the Owners of the Land the sum of one hundred Dollars, as a full compensation therefor; as soon as the Owners shall execute & deliver to the Selectmen in behalf of the Town a good & legal Deed of the same Premises, to be & remain for ever open and form part of Cambridge Street—Witness our Hands this 17t. Day of July 1801—

WILLIAM TUDOR
JOHN WINSLOW
JOSIAH KNAP
JOHN ANDREWS—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 22d. 1801 Present Messrs: Tileston, Hunnewell, Sherburne, Oliver, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter Bulfinch,

The Meeting on Jurors adjourned to next Wednesday

To the Honble. George Richards
Minot Esq Judge of Probates
within the County of Suffolk—

It having been represented to the Selectmen of the Town of Boston that one Patty Burdeken is an idle disorderly and debauched Person—that she posses some Real Estate in said Town but by her conduct her Children are destitute in a great measure of the necessaries of life, & her Estate will soon be wasted & spent, and she with her Family become an expence to the Town—They therefor pray that your Honor would take the premises into your serious consideration & upon hearing the evidences that you will proceed therein as the Law entitled, "An Act impowering Judges of Probates to appoint Guardians to Minors & others—impowers & directs—Charles Bulfinch, David Tilden Russell Sturgis, Joseph Howard, Wm. Porter, Wm. Sherburne, John Tileston—

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[72.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27. 1801 Present Messrs: Howard, Porter, Tilden Sturgis Tileston Hunnewell Sherburne Oliver

Passed upon Accounts—

Capt. Christopher Marshall one of the Collectors of Taxes, having produced a Receipt from the Town Treasurer of his payment of the balance of the Tax due from the late Collector Mr. Thompson for the Year 1799, given him to Collect—the Town Clerk is directed to deliver him his Bond for that Year, when called for—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Sturgis, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Passed upon other Accompts—

The following Persons having applied for liberty to build Tombs in the South Burial Ground:—liberty was accordingly granted on the usual conditions—

Messrs: Timothy Tileston
Nathaniel Wales
Joseph Stevens
John Joy
Richard Thayer

M^{r}. Beals Sealer of Lighters is authorised by the Selectmen to demand & receive Six Dollars for weighing sealing and marking each Lighter

Passed upon a number of applications, for being licensed as Inholders and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors for the present Year—as p lists on file

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 5—1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis Porter, Sherburne, Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell, Howard,

The Committee appointed to lay out a Passage Way from Creek Lane, East of the House of Philip Wentworth, Report

That the East Line of the Street or Passage Way, should begin ten feet from the South Corner of the Brick House of Philip Wentworth, and run thirty feet six Inches in a Northerly direction to a point ten feet from the North Corner of said House, thence in same direction Seven feet nine Inches; thence to turn more [73.] Westerly and to run seven feet five Inches, to the South West Corner of the House of David Rich—the same Street or Passage way being ten feet wide in the whole of the above described length—And the same having been stated [staked] out by the Comm^{ee}. as above described; the same is confirmed by the Board, and ordered to be recorded—the Applicants for the above to be at the expence of the same, agreable to their engagement on file—

The Chairman M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Sturgis a Comm^{ee}. to confer with the Board of Health on such matters as are of mutual concern, with the Selectmen & that Board.

Maj^{r}. Tilden M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Hunnewell a Comm^{ee}. to view the spot of ground belonging to the Town in Atkins's Street: to measure the same & report their opinion as to erecting an Engine-house thereon—

M^{r}. William Mock, Collector of Cow money, paid on account of those Collections for the present Year, fifty Dollars—

Mr. Sherburne added to the Central Commee. to consider the expediency of paving near the Post Office

The North Commee. was desired to confer with Mr. Mills upon the subject of removing his Shop from Back Street, for the purpose of widening said Street—

The several Committees for the purpose are empower'd to send the following quantities of Gravel to the Streets named—vizt—

At the bottom of the Mall not exceeding	20 Loads
Beach Street	30
Pleasant Street	50
Sea Street	50
Near the Granary	30
Hancock Street	20

The following Persons are allowed to Build Tombs in the South Burying Ground—Viz—

	Henry Purkit—	1 Tomb—	Abijah Cheever
	Sam: D. Davenport—	1 do - -	Edwd. Wild—
[74.]	Joseph Ripley - -	1 do - -	John Wells
	Lemuel Clark Abijah French Benjn. Howland	1 do - -	

Mr. Nicholas Peirce Junr. who has built a number of Tombs in the South Burying Ground this season for the Persons to whom liberty has been granted—Applied for Liberty to build as many more Tombs as will compleat the Line—This request is complied with on condition, that he immediately proceed upon & compleat the same & the Wall to enclose the Burial Ground; & that no Person be admitted to hold such Tombs to be built by him until he has applied & been approved by this Board; the said Peirce to be paid the same price, as for the other Tombs in the same range; & to receive his pay from the Persons, to whom they may be granted—

Deacon Benja. Henderson has liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground on the spot formerly assigned to Josiah Copeland, and which he has neglected to improve—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 12th. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Hunnewell, Sherburne, Howard, Sturgis, Tileston, Porter,

Benjamin King Churchill applies for a License as an Auchtioneer the present Year—A Meeting warned for 4. o Clock, to take up this matter—Adjourned

Application having been made to this Board by Ralph Smith & others for leave to Erect twenty Stalls on the West side of the Market house agreable to a plan proposed therefor & the expence to be born by them—Voted, that the said request be so far complied with, as that the said Ralph Smith & others be permitted to build the afores^d^. Stalls in the manner & agreable to the plan annexed, and that the whole expence attending the compleation of them, be born & paid by the Applicants, & all others who occupy Stalls in the afores^d^. place & wish to bear their proportion thereof, in consideration of which, this Board agreed that they shall hold the same for one year from [Blank.]

& [**75.**] no longer, in full compensation for all costs & charges arising in & about the Building & finishing the same at which period they are to deliver up the said Stalls in good order to the Selectmen or any person they may appoint to receive them; at the same time the Selectmen consent that the then holders may continue to occupy said Stalls in preference to others, paying what may by the Board be Judged reasonable therefor; but nothing herein contained is to preclude all those who now have Stalls there from being concerned in the aforesaid Building, if they think proper so to do, in which case the present Occupants shall at all events hold the Stands they now hire, or as near thereto as may be, which if any doubts arise will be determined by this Board—

On the application of M^r^. Henry Swift for liberty to build a head to the Dock formed by the Town Slip between his Wharff & that of M^r^. Adams's near the North Mills, & also to fill up the said Slip with Earth—*Voted* that M^r^. Henry Swift have liberty to build a head to the aforesaid Town Slip & to fill up the same, provided that the said Slip shall not be incumbered with any fence or building, & shall ever remain open for the Towns use, & subject to their disposal—

The Comm^ee^. to view a suitable place for the new Engine-house—Reported, that the Towns Land over the Sewer in Water Street, is the most suitable place, & that the Building should be 10 feet wide & 36 feet long—& that it be built of Wood that in case of a future appropriation of the Ground it may be removed—The Report accepted & the Comm^ee^. desired to have the Building erected—

The Comm^ee^. of the North quarter of the Town is desired to have the necessary Repairs done on the Engine house in Back Street—

Agreed to pay to M^r^. William Minns the sum of ninety dollars for a piece of Land on Back Street for the purpose of widening said Street being 6 feet wide & about 26 feet in length on that Street

[76.] Voted to make application to the Honble. Judge of Probates for a Guardian to be appointed to [blank] Austin a Foreigner, represented as a common drunkard, & possessed of some personal property—

Agreed to have a Wooden head built to the Dock at the head of South Street for the purpose of filling the Dock provided the Expence shall not exceed fifty Dollars & M^r^. Hunnewell is desired to attend to the same

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 18^t^. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Sturgis, Sherburne, Tileston, Hunnewell, Tilden,

M^r^. Turel Tuttle has liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground, next to the one the last granted; conditioned as usual

Voted, that as many of the Board as can attend to meet in Pleasant Street on Thursday Morning 10 o:Clock to determine the Line of the House in that Street, proposed to be built by M^r^. I. P. Davis—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Oliver, Tilden, Hunnewell,

Last Wednesday the Selectmen, a large number, accompanying them Visited Deer Island, and found everything to their satisfaction on the Island—the Weather favorable & all circumstances agreable—

David Everet Esq. made return that he had Notified the Proprietors in the Common Sewer in Court Street relative to the Repairs to be done thereto in consequence of a Warrant dated the the 10^t^. Ins^t^—Liberty is therefore granted to open & repair the same

M^r^. Thomas Amory & M^r^. Thomas Chase have liberty to purchase Tombs in the S^o^. Burying Ground, now Building by M^r^. Pierce—

M^r^. John Whitney late Assistant at the North Reading School, having applied for liberty to keep a private School in this Town —Liberty is accordingly granted

The Chairman with the Committee are [77.] desired to view the Gutters near John Joys & at the head of Winter Street—to have such additions & repairs thereto as may be proper—also, to view Belknap Street & Report what is necessary to be done to make the same passable—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 30—1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Howard, Sherburne

Passed upon Accounts—

On application of William Emmerson Jon^{t}. Merry & Thom^{s}. Godfrey liberty is granted to each of them, to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground—also,

The same liberty is granted to Gorham Parsons & George Pillsbury to build Tombs in the South Burying Ground

Maj^{r}. Tilden is requested to supply the usual quantity of Wood to the several Schools—

The Chairman, M^{r}. Tileston & M^{r}. Hunnewell a Comm^{ee}. to make repairs on Belknap Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 11. 1801 Present Mess. Bulfinch Tilden Porter Sherburne Tileston Oliver Hunnewell

Gave an order on the Keeper of the Powder Magazine for 300 pounds of Powder for the use of the Brigade at the Review the 15. Ins^{t}— ——& another order afterwards for 100 pounds—

Agreed with Capt. Groves to refer to the consideration of Col^{o}. Proctor M^{r}. John Stodder & M^{r}. Joab Hunt, what damage would arise to the Estate of said Groves in Back Street by the Towns taking Six feet of his House & Land, for the purpose of widening said Street

The Chairman & M^{r}. Hunnewell are desired to direct the Repairs of the Brick Wall in Tremont Street, and to have such guards of Stone placed along the same, as may effectually secure it from Carts &^{c}.

Voted, that on the compleation of the Pavement of Essex Street to the East Line of Short Street—the further Sum of one hundred Dollars be allowed the Proprietors on that Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Septem^{r}. 14. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Howard Sherburne Oliver

Proceeded to draw six Jurors to serve at a special District Court to be held the 18 Ins^{t}—which Jurors are entred in Jury Book—

[78.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 16. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Porter Tileston Hunnewell, Sherburne Oliver Howard

Proceeded to draw 23 Petit Jurors for the Court of Common Pleas at October term—which names are entred on Jury Book—then the Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next—

Messrs: Nathaniel Valentine, Robert Crocker, & William Andrews have liberty to build a Tomb in N^{o}. Buryal Ground—

Voted, that M^{r}. Marston, who has undertaken to lay a Drain from the Crescent Buildings to Federal Street, be informed that it is expected the said Drain be covered substantially with Slate, as far as the same extends in the Street—

Upon application for the removal of a Tree in Sheaff Street, it was determined that M^{r}. Bennet be directed to alter his Cellar Door to make it flat, and that the Tree be trim'd under direction of M^{r}. Howard—

Agreed to advertize the Peice of Land belonging to the Town at the head of Middlecot Street, North of Beacon Hill, to be sold at Auction on Monday the 5. of October next—

M^{r}. Porter was requested to have a cap Timber put at the head of the Towns Slip in Beach Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 23. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Howard, Porter, Sturgis Sherburne Oliver Hunnewell—

Liberty is granted to M^{r}. John Burns D^{r}. Joseph Whipple to purchase Tombs in the South Burying Ground of the number built by M^{r}. Peirce—also M^{r}. Whelock—

Voted, that the Town be lighted six months the present Year & 18 Nights in each month, to commence the 26th. Octo^{r}. next

The Board having considered the expediency of widening the Southerly part of Back Street, have conferred with the Abuttors whose Houses it will be necessary to remove in part & have referred the estimate of damages to Gentlemen chosen by the Owners & the Selectmen, it is found that the expence of removing the Buildings & repairing the Fences & C will amount to 1600 Dollars exclusive of the paving of the Streets—The Board in consideration that they have already expended 1000 Dollars in the course of the last & present Year, do not feel themselves authorized to defrey the whole of the above charge, but do Agree that [79.] they will pay on the part of the Town, one half part

of the sum required, as soon as the residue shall be collected from such Individuals or public Bodies as may feel interested in carrying the proposed improvement into effect—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Sepr. 28—1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter Sherburne Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell

Passed upon Accounts

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Sepr. 30. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Porter Sherburne Tileston Hunnewell, Howard,

Passed upon other Accounts—

½ past 4.' a Meeting warned, to consider the application of Louis Hoyt for the appointment of an Auchtioneer

M^{r}. Hoyt not living in Town, his application was not taken up—

M^{r}. Henderson Collector of Taxes, proposes Capt. Enoch James & Francis Green for his Bondsmen the Year ensuing

In consequence of an application from a great number of the Inhabitants of Market Square, stating the great nuisance & inconveniences experienced from the Boys who sell Bread &^{c}. in the Streets near the Market & in Market Square—

Voted, that no Person be suffered to take a Stand with a Wheel Barrow or Basket for the Sale of Bread, Biscuit or Ginger Bread in Market or Dock Squares or in any part of the Streets contiguous thereto, without special License from this Board—and that the Clerk of the Market be directed to carry this resolution into effect—

Boston ss: At a Meeting øf Selectmen Septem^{r}. 29^{t}. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Sturgis Sherburne, Howard Tileston Hunnewell

The Board proceeded to consider the expediency of widening part of Elm Street, (late Wings Lane) & in consequence of the powers vested in them by the 3^{d}. Section of the Act of the Legislature entitled an Act "to regulate the paving of Streets [80.] in the Town of Boston & for removing obstructions in the same, they determine to lay out the following described peices of Land, to be in future considered as parts of the public Streets or Highway. Beginning at the North West Corner of the new Brick Store of M^{r}. Samuel Torey, four feet 4 inches wide, to run Westerly 19 feet 6 inches to a point six feet South from the front of the House of Charles Paine & John W. Gurley Esquires,

which land is now the property of said Paine & Gurley—also another peice of Land, beginning at the N°. East Corner of the new Brick house of M^r. Edward Wentworth, being Three feet wide, and running Easterly 28 feet 2 Inches to a point 5 feet South from the front of the House of Ebenezer Wells—the Street there being 30 feet wide which Land is the property of Samuel Eliot Esq

Voted that the Chairman be desired to confer with M^r. Paine & Gurley & M^r. Eliot on the subject of the compensation, if any, which they will expect for the above described Land

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octob^r. 7. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Porter Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell

At a special Meeting called for the purpose this Day 5. o Clock M^r. Benjamin Tucker & M^r. John Webb Vance were approbated as Auchtioneers for this Town—

The application of M^r. Thomas Boston Campbell to be appointed an Auchtioneer, was considered and it appearing that he was not an Inhabitant of the Town—Voted to suspend acting thereon, untill he shall become a Resident & Inhabitant; and that M^r. Campbell be informed that the Board know of no objection to his appointment—

M^r. Bayley offers for his Bondsmen as a Collector the present Year Henry Bass Merch^t. & William Porter—

M^r. Jepson another Collector offers William Tudor Esq. & M^r. Benjamin Sumner Merch^t—

Messrs: Henderson Bayley & Jepsons Bondsmen as Collectors of Taxes the present Year, having been offer'd & accepted by the Board—the Town Clerk is to prepare their Bonds & give the Certificates accordingly—

[**81.**] Capt. Joseph Gleason is appointed Sealer of Wood at the North part of the Town, in the room of M^r. Thomas Hichborn deceased—and was sworn by Town Clerk

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r. 15. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis Porter Hunnewell, Howard, Tilden, Sherburne,

A Committee from the Society in Brattle Street requested to have liberty to make use of the Centre Reading School for the purpose of instruction in singing to their choir of singers.

Mr. Tilden on the part of the Society of the Old Brick Church made the same request for the use of the Latin School

Liberty is granted to the above mentioned Societies to make use of the Latin School for the purposes of their application; and the Committees are requested to take special care to preserve good order, and it is expected that any damages that may occur shall be made good

A Remonstrance was received from several of the Auchtioneers praying that the Board would not grant any license as Auchtioneer to any Foreigner—which was considered & debate being had thereon; it was determined that the application of Mr. Thomas Boston Campbell could not be complied with

Mr. Lewis Hoyt was approved of as an Auchtioneer in this, agreable to a former application—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Sherburne—

Richard Senson Indentures, to Eliakim Morse approved of by the Selectmen, as on file—

The Board then proceed to view the Streets at West Boston—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 26. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Porter Sherburne Tileston Howard Oliver Hunnewell

Passed upon Accounts

Christopher Marshall Esq offers for his Sureties in the Office of Collector of Taxes for the Year ensuing Ebenezer Parsons & Josiah Doane Esq. which were approved—

[82.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 28. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Sherburne, Tileston, Oliver, Porter, Tilden, Hunnewell Sturgis Howard

Passed upon other Accounts—

A special Meeting warned at 4. o Clock to consider the application of Cornelius Coolidge, for his being appointed an Auchtioneer—also on the application of Mr. John Swett for a like appointment—

The aforenamed Persons were appointed Auchtioneers for the present Year—

Collector Bayley offers Mr. Stephen Gore Gentleman as his Bondsman in the room of Mr. Henry Bass—who was accepted

The following Advertizement was agreed upon to be inserted in the Papers—vizt—

Whereas the concourse of Carts & Waggons from the Country with produce, is very great at the present season & inconveniences & obstructions arise from their standing in Market & Dock Squares, & the Streets contiguous thereto. The Selectmen give public notice that they have determined that the Carts & Waggons with *Cyder* shall stand in future in Congress Street late Quakers Lane in one range on the east side, & in Water Street in one range on the North side; & the Carts with Wood in Cornhill from the Town-house southerly—As the situations are central & equally convenient to the buyers & sellers of those Articles, it is hoped that a regulation so obviously intended for mutual convenience will be generally complied with—After this notice the Selectmen will feel themselves authorised to prosecute any Person, who may take a stand in any other place than such as are pointed out above, & who shall refuse to move after being requested so to do—

Voted, that an Advertizement be inserted in the public Papers for any Persons Inhabitants of the Town, who may be disposed to undertake the sweeping of Chimnies to apply for License—and that they be informed that no licence will be granted to any Sweeper who shall not give security to the satisfaction of the Board for his good behavior & faithful discharge of his duty—

[83.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 4. 1801 Present Messrs: Tileston Sturgis Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Hunnewell, Sherburne

Return was made by John Heard & David Everet Esquires of the Expence attending opening & repairing the Common Sewer in Court Street; and the Accompt thereof having been duly examined by the Selectmen, was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, by the said Heard & Everet, that they had caused to be warned every Person concerned according to Law, and no objection having been entred to their proceeding—*Assessment*, was made thereon by the Selectmen and an *Order*, for payment made out and delivered to the aforenamed David Everet Esq. which is as follows – – – Vizt—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer in Court Street Boston, has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Heard & Everet, the whole Expence whereof, according to an Account laid before & examined by the Subscribers amounted to One hundred ninety eight Dollars eighty Cents; and as such Expence is to be paid by

such Person or Persons whose Drain enters into said Common Shore & receives benefit thereby; and such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are impowered by Law to Apportion the same; and the said Heard & Everet having agreable to Law Notified all the concerned before they had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston, do hereby Certify, that having considered of said Expences, and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid—Do ADJUDGE that the same ought to be paid in the proportion following and by the Persons hereafter named—Viz[t]—

	D[r]. Samuel Parker	1 Drain	$19 ,, 88
	William Tudor Esq[r]	1 do	19 ,, 88
[84.]	Ebenezer Sever Esq County Treasu[r]	2 do	39 ,, 68
	M[r]. Joseph Loring	1 do	19 ,, 88
	M[r]. Jonathan Amory	1 do	19 ,, 88
	Committee of Brattle Street Church	1 do	19 ,, 88
	William Powell Esq	1 do	19 ,, 88
	David Everet Esq	1 do	19 ,, 88
	John Heard Esq	1 do	19 ,, 88

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed David Everet Esq. to receive of the Persons within named the Sums affixed to their several Names, and to give discharge therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
RUSSELL STURGIS
WILL: PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Nov[r]. 11. 1801 Present Mess[rs]: Tilden, Bulfinch, Sherburne, Howard, Hunnewell—

At the last Meeting a Petition was recieved from a number of Gentlemen, at the South part of the Town requesting that the Selectmen would enquire into the Towns right in a Passage Way from Orange Street near M[r]. Henry Bass's Store, & cause the obstructions to be removed—Committed to the Chairman to examine the Records respecting the same.

Voted, that the Assessors be requested to lodge in the Town Clerks Office, the Invoice or Valuation or a Copy thereof, from

whence the Rates or Assessments are made that the Inhabitants & others rated may inspect the same conformable to the Law relative to [85.] regulating the choice & appointment of Assessors &c.

In consequence of an application from a number of Gentlemen it was agreed to insert a Card in to Morrows Papers requesting the Inhabitants to meet at Faneuil Hall, to consider what measures of precaution it was necessary to adopt, at this uncommonly dry Season, to guard against the danger of Fire—

In consideration of the expediency of making some progress this season in widening Back Street & the embarasment Capt. Groves is thrown into by the general opinion that his House is to be taken down in parts which prevents his making Sale of the same, as from his Circumstances he is compelled to do It is agreed to appropriate the Subscription money raised for widening Back Street amounting to about four hundred Dollars to defrey the charge of taking down & repairing Capt. Groves House; the remainder of the sum that may be wanting to be paid by the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 18. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Tileston Porter Oliver Howard,

A number of Person approved for License to Retail &c—

The Chairman to whom was referred the Application of Wales & others, that the right of the Town to a passage way from Orange Street Easterly should be examined into & ascertained—Reported that he had examined the Town Records, & could find no mention of such Passage way—

The Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Porter were chosen a Commee. to examine the right of the Abuttors on the supposed Passage Way: and to ascertain the Towns right—

Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 25. 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Porter Sherburne Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Messrs: Tilden Sturgis & Hunnewell a Commee. to consider what regulations may be necessary for the standg. of Hackney Carriages. to Rept

The Chairman and Mr. Tileston a Commee. to examine the Accounts of the Clerk of the Market—

[86.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 30. 1801 Present Messrs: Tileston, Tilden, Howard, Sturgis, Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

On the application of D^{r}. Samuel Stillmam in behalf of the Baptist Societies in this Town—M^{r}. David Darling is appointed a Funeral Porter—

The Chairman & M^{r}. Tileston a Comm^{ee}. to view the Stove, in the State Street Watch-house, & have such repairs made as may be necessary—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 2. 1801 Present Mess: Tileston Sherburne Tilden, Sturgis Oliver, Hunnewell Sherburne Porter

Passed upon other Accounts

On the application of the President & Trustees of the Mechanic Association; liberty was granted for their making use of Faneuil Hall & the Room adjoining on Thursday the 17th. of Decem^{r}. Ins^{t}.

M^{rs}. Priscilla Gardner approved of as an Innholder at a House in Fish Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 9 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis, Tileston, Porter, Sherburne,

Gave an order in favor of [Blank] on M^{r}. Callènder & M^{r}. Lord for the amount subscribed & collected towards widening Back Street—

M^{r}. Sturgis M^{r}. Tileston & M^{r}. Hunnewell a Committee to view the Street back of Beacon Hill & Belknaps Street; to consider what shall be done to make the same more commodious; & to remove any obstructions therein & to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 15. 1801 Present Mess. Bulfinch, Tileston

23 Petit Jurors for Court of Common Pleas were drawn & entred on Jury Books—when the Meeting for Jurors, was adjourned to Wednesday the 23. Ins^{t}—

Approved of several Persons as Inholders & Retailers as by list on file—

[87.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r} 13th 1801 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Sturgis, Tileston, Sherburne, Hunnewell

The Comm^{ee}. appointed to view the Street at the foot of Beacon-hill Reported—

That in their opinion so much of the Land of M^{r}. Green should be laid into the Street as to make it straight; and that the same be Appraised according to law—provided that the spot of Ground belonging to the Town 10 feet wide lying south of John Homer be sold to the said Homer for the same sum as the Land of M^{r}. Green shall be valued at—

On representation of the obstruction & inconvenience occasioned at the Winnisimit ferry ways by M^{r}. Hooton laying Vessells at his Wharf, which incroaches upon the Town property there; the Chairman is directed to inform M^{r}. Hooton that the Board expect he will give an acknowledgement of the Towns right to the Dock according to the bounds expressed in the deeds, & that in future he pay to any person who may have the ways, such consideration for the maintenance occasioned by his Vessells, as the Board shall Judge equitable—

Voted, that M^{r}. Gooch be informed that the Board expect that his Accounts as Clerk of the Market, be settled to the 1st of July next, & that the balance be then paid, or security be given therefor—and that the Board will then proceed to the choice of a Clerk of the Market, & that it shall be conditioned, that he give security that the proceeds of the Market be paid monthly to the Treasurer

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 16–1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston Sturgis, Porter Sherburne Tilden Oliver Hunnewell,

This Morning between the hours of 2 & 3. o.' Clock a Fire broke out in this Town, beginging at the Wharff of M^{r}. Gardner & after consuming the Buildings on that Wharff, spread to the Neighbouring Houses in Fish Street & threatened destruction to the whole of that quarter of the Town, but by the unceasing exertions of the Inhabitants was providentially & happily arrested in its progress after consuming about 16. Houses—As the Circumstances attend^{g}. this fire gave [88.] reason to suppose that it was the effect of design from some abandoned Incendiary, either for the purpose of plunder, or devastation—the Selectmen for the ease & security of the Inhabitants have determined that each Constable of the Watch should employ five Men in addition to his number for two succeeding nights for the purpose of patroling the Streets from the hours of 10 to 6 in the Morning; & have agreed to allow each of such Men, one Dollar p Night for

his services. It is also agreed that one Man from each Watch house give constant attendance at the ruins of the late fire during the present night to guard against any further spread of the same; which men shall be relieved by others of the Watch as occasion may require

The Chairman is requested to give the several Constables of the Watch the Instructions conformably to the above

Voted, that an Advertizement be inserted in the Papers offering a reward of 500 Dollars for the discovery of any person guilty of setting fire to the buildings consumed last Evening to be paid upon conviction, also engaging that the Selectmen will use their influence to obtain the pardon of any one concerned in this transaction who shall deliver over the Offenders to Justice—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 17. 1801 Present Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Tileston Sherburne, Oliver Howard Hunnewell Porter

After a conference with a number the Fire Wards & others lately chosen by the Inhabitants to devise means to secure the Town from the danger of fire, it was agreed—that the several Constables of the Watch be directed to procure 5 Men in addition to each Watch, untill further orders, the same to be paid at the same rate of wages as the other Watchmen—

The Chairman is desired to give Instructions to the Constables of the Watch for their direction in going their rounds &^{c}—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 23. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Howard, Tileston Porter, Sherburne Oliver, Hunnewell

[89.] Messrs: Tilden Sturgis Hunnewell, a Comm^{ee}. to wait on the Gentlemen, who are said to have first observed the Fire in Fish Street, & to enquire of them any particulars relative thereto, which have come to their knowledge

Agreed to have a Town Meeting on Thursday the 31st Ins^{t}. at 9. o. 'Clock A: M: and the Town Clerk is desired to prepare a Warrant for signing on Monday next—

On application from Comm^{ee}. of Long Wharff Proprietors that the Lamps on the Wharff, might be lighted at the charge of the Town—read and considered & ordered to lay for further consideration—

The Chairman was desired to Advertize a Meeting of the Board on Wednesday the 6th. of January next, to take measures for

ascertaining what compensation, if any, should be paid by the Town for Land taken into Fish Street, for the purpose of widening the same, & for parts of Buildings to be taken down for that purpose, & to request the attendance of all Persons concerned—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 28. 1801 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Howard Tileston, Porter, Sherburne Oliver Hunnewell

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 31. 1801

Passed upon other Accounts—also

Passed upon Licenses for Retailers & Inholders

See [Blank] for proceedings in laying out and widening Fish Street after the Fire

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 6. 1802

The Meeting on the subject of Fish Street Claimants being postponed by public Advertizement untill the 13 Ins^{t}. no business was done

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 13, 1802—Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell

The Chairman & M^{r}. Tileston a Comm^{ee}. to adjust the Acco^{ts}. of M^{r}. Gooch to the 1st. of January last & to take his Note on demand upon Interest for the balance that may be due—

[**90.**] The Board came to the choice of a Clerk of the Market to be in Office from the 1st. of January Ins^{t}. to the 15^{t} of March next—when a new choice must be made according to the By Laws of the Town—M^{r}. [Blank] accordingly chosen

Upon representation of Ebenezer Smith & others who have been at the expence of erecting Stalls at the West End of Faneuil Hall—that the charge of raising the roof of the same has considerably increased the expence—it was agreed to allow them the use of said Stalls, free of Rent, untill the 1st. day of March 1803—The said Occupants & Contractors agreeing to compleat the same by plastering the ceiling, painting the Posts & Gutters, finishing the pavement & otherwise conforming to the former Vote of the Board—

The Board had a conference with the Proprietors of Land taken into Fish Street, who proposed the following Gentlemen any five of them they consented should be Referees to ascertain the damage if any, sustained by them for the loss of their Land, taken to widen said Street, or for portions of Buildings to be taken down for that purpose, & that the Award of such Referees shall be final—

General John Winslow
Mr. Elisha Sigorney
Colo. Edward Proctor
Mr. Daniel Tuttle
Mr. Nathaniel Bradley
Mr. Samuel Stutson—
Deacon Daniel Wild
Capt. Francis Green
Benjamin Pickeman Junr. Esq
Mr. Robert Williams Junr

The Selectmen then made choice from the above number of the following Gentlemen—Vizt—

General John Winslow
Colo. Edward Proctor
Mr. Nathaniel Bradlee
Capt. Francis Green
Mr. Daniel Tuttle—

declines see next side—

The Chairman was desired to inform the above named Gentlemen of their appointment & to request their acceptance of the charge also to desire the Town Attorney to draw a proper Instrument to be signed by the Parties

Voted, that the Chairman be desired to inform the Assessors that the new law regulating Elections will be in force [**91.**] on the 1st. of March next, when it will be necessary they should return a list of qualified Voters, & to ask their attention thereto—

A number of Jurors were drawn at a Meeting called for the purpose on this Day as entred & posted in the Jury Books, and the Meeting then Adjourned to this day fortnight for filling up vacancies that may immediately happen

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 20—1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Porter, Hunnewell, Oliver—

On the application of the Captain & Members of Engine Company No. 4—for liberty to have a Chimney in their Engine House—Mr. Tileston & Mr. Hunnewell were desired to view the situation of the Engine-house & to have a Chimney built if it can be done with safety to the Neighbours—

The Chairman & Mr. Tileston a Commee. to have the Pumps on Fort Hill repaired in the best manner; with the new patent improvement of Mr. Perkins—

Mr. Daniel Tuttle one of the Persons named at the last Meeting as a Referree upon the claims of the Abutters on Fish Street declining that trust, The Board made choice of Colo. John May in his Room—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 25—1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, Porter, Howard

Passed upon Accounts—

Agreed to have the roof of the Wood house at Latin School repaired—

A Communication from the Fire-Wards was received & read as on file—whereupon

Voted that Mr. Sturgis & Mr. Howard, make enquiries of the Fire wards what quantity of Hose & of what dimensions may be wanting for the Engines—also to enquire the costs of Mr. Perkins's moveable Pumps—

Voted, that the Engine Men be informed that it is the opinion of the Selectmen & Fire-wards—that it would tend to produce [**92.**] order & other good effects at Fires, if they would always wear their Caps & Badges—and to request them to do so in future—

The Chairman is desired to communicate the above Vote to the Capt. of each Engine—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 27. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Porter, Hunnewell, Oliver, Tilden

Passed upon Accounts

Mr. Hartshorn who has purchased a piece of Land of the Town on the North side of Beacon-hill, applies for liberty to dig a Well so far into the Street in part of his lots as that the Pump shall stand outside of the Building—Liberty is granted to him on condition that he convey the Waste Water under Ground from the Pump into the Common Sewer either into Temple Street or Middlecot Street—

Mr. Benjamin Hall & Asa Hatch apply that their Names should [be] entred in the plan of the Granary burying Ground on Tomb No. 11, formerly owned by Webster[,] Mr. Hale being the

legal Heir, under Webster, & having sold one half of said Tomb to Mr. Hatch

Voted that the several Captains of the Watch be directed to discharge the extra number of Men now attached to their Watch, after this Month—

Philip Cartwright is approved & licensed as a Chimney Sweeper in this Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 3d. Present Messrs: Hunnewell, Tileston, Porter, Bulfinch, Oliver, Sturgis, Tilden,

A Meeting notified to meet at 5. o Clock to consider the Application of Mr. Samuel Bridge for his being appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town —

At a special Meeting for the above purpose, Mr. Samuel Bridge was appointed an Auchtioneer, for this Town—

The Law passed this present Session of the General Court was received, impowering the Selectmen to appoint & regulate Watch-Men in the Town of Boston—whereupon the Chairman was directed to Advertize for any Person who may incline to undertake the duty of [93.] Head Constable of the Town Watch, to make application with suitable recommendations on or before Wednesday next—

Pursuant to a Vote of the Town at the last Meeting the Board made choice of the following Persons to inspect the several Wards of the Town, to make a Weekly return of the Names of all Vagrants & disorderly Persons, & Strangers of suspicious characters—

John May,	Ward No. 1	Daniel Johnson - -	Ward No. 7
Amos Boyington - -	2	Jno. Trash - - - - - - -	8
Joseph Smith - - -	3	Capt. Haddaway [Hathaway]	9
John How - - - - -	4	William Cluston - - - - - -	10
Palfrey Collins - - -	5	Capt. Jones - - - - - - -	11
Thomas French - - -	6	Samuel Moore - - - - - -	12

the Chairman was desired to inform the above named Persons of their appointment & duty—

The Board came to the resolution to appoint two Persons as Inspectors of Chimnies in the Town for six months in two divisions of the Town to be called the North & South Districts—the North Districts to include all that part of the Town No. of State Street & Court Street with the northerly side of said Streets and all West Boston—The South District to comprehend all that

part of the Town, South of State Street, Court Street & Southac's Court—Voted, that each Inspector to be appointed, enter into the following Agreement—

1st. That he will immediately engage & continue to employ three or more persons, as may from time to time be required by the Selectmen, who are able of Body & suitably instructed in the business of sweeping Chimnies

2d. That on application of any Inhabitant, the Inspector shall within 12 hours send some Person to sweep his or her Chimney or Chimnies, & shall follow & inspect the same to see that the same be carefully & effectually done—

3d. Upon information of any Chimney, that from neglect of sweeping, is in danger of taking fire, or from any defect or from age has become hazardous the Inspector shall immediately give notice to the Super Intendent of Police that legal measures may [**94.**] be taken to compel the Proprietor of the same to have it swept, or repaired as the case may be—

4t—Each Inspector shall keep a Book in which he shall Register the Chimnies swept under his direction, with the Name of each Person employing him to sweep the same & the date of the time when the same was swept—and for the encouragement of the Persons so to be appointed Inspectors, the following Rates of sweeping are agreed upon

Kitchen Chimnies - - - - - - - - - -	50	Cents
Smoke Jack - - - - - - - - - - - -	50.	do.
Parlour Chimnie with Stoves - - - - - -	50—	do.
Parlour Chimnies - - - - - - - - - -	40—	do.
Chamber Chimnies - - - - - - - - - -	33—	do —

Mr. Samuel Cartwright was chosen for the No. District
Mr. [Blank] Winter, for the South District—
and the Chairman is directed to publish the purport of the above in the Papers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Tileston Oliver & Hunnewell

Voted, that Mess: Tilden Tileston & Oliver be a Commee. on the part of the Board to sign the Agreements before the Referrees, relative to the Claims of those Persons, whose Lands or Buildings have been taken to widen Fish Street—also that the same Commee. be desired to attend the Meeting of the Referrees to state to them such circumstances as the interest of the Town may require

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 10. 1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell

Voted, that the Chairman, M^{r}. Sherburne & M^{r}. Hunnewell be Comm^{ee}. to consider a plan of Organization of the Watch for this Town, to Report at the next Meeting; also the rates of pay to the head Constable, Capt. & Privates of the Watch in their opinion competent to insure a faithful discharge of their important duties—

[**95.**] Application recived from sundry Persons for the Office of Head Constable of the Town Watch,—the choice referred to next Meeting—

Voted, that the Tombs in the South Burying Ground, be numbered by numbers cut upon the Stones, & that a plan of the Ground be taken previous to the Certificates being given to the Persons who have built Tombs therein—& the Chairman & M^{r}. Hunnewell are desired to attend to the same—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 17—1802 Present Mess: Porter, Tileston, Bulfinch Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, Sturgis,

Agreed to have a Notification for a Town Meeting on Monday the 1st. of March, & M^{r}. Edes to have the printing of the same—

The Town Clerk to prepare the Warrant accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 22^{d}. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Tileston & Hunnewell—

Passed upon Accounts—

On application of Thomas Boyle now confined in Prison, upon sentence of the Municipal Court, for suffering gaming in his House which he was licensed to retail Spirits in—praying that he may be released from the fine he was sentenced to pay, being totally unable to pay the same, & being now at the charge of the County—the Selectmen agree that the Officer may return the [Blank]

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 24. 1802— Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter Tileston, Howard, Oliver,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Town Clerk to prepare a Warrant for March Meeting on Monday the Eighth of March next. 9. o Clock. A: M—

M^r^. Newell to have the printing of the Notifications

Messrs: Bulfinch & Sturgis—a Committee to wait on Rev^d^. M^r^. Popkin & to request his opening the Meeting with prayer—

The Comm^ee^. appointed the last Meeting to consider the subject of [**96.**] the Town Watch, made the following Report—

That there be employ'd as a
Town Watch every night 2 Constables of the Watch & 30 Watchmen—

That there be two Guard-houses in central situations
One in State Street
one in Market Square

That 14 Stations or Stands, be determined upon in the various parts of the Town for one Watchman each—

That one Captain & 15 Men assemble Nightly at 10. o'Clock at each Guard-house, & from thence proceed to place 7 Men at their different Stands—that the stands be number'd & the Men take their Stations every night by Lot or in rotation—after the Capt. shall have thus stationed his Men he shall return to the Guard-house, & proceed from thence with 7 Men, who have been at rest, to relieve those who are upon duty, once every two hours in succession thro'. the Night untill Day break—

The Constable in setting or relieving the Watch, shall be careful to pass thro'. as many Streets as possible & [vary] his walks that a thorough observation may be made of all parts of the Town—

Each Man shall be accommodated at his Stand, with a house or Box to shelter him occasionally from the inclemency of the Weather—it shall be his duty, to walk in various directions to & from the Station but no further than to be within call of the Officer of the Watch, when he shall come to the Stand to place the relief—

That the Stations be as follows—1st. Division at the Engine house Washington Street—Engine-house Essex Street corner of Orange Street.—Engine-house Purchase Street—
On B[e]acon-hill
On Fort-hill
Engine-house.—Liberty Square
Engine-house, School Street
Main Guard Watch-house State Street—

2d. Division
Main Guard Watch house at Market Square
Watch-house Bowdoin Square
Powder-house Watch-house West Boston—
Engine-house Mill Creek, Hanover Street
Engine-house Mill Creek Ann Street
Engine-house North Street by Dr. Eliots
Watch-house—Ship Street—
Cops-hill—

That Watch Boxes 3 feet Square be placed in each of the Hills, & that [97.] the Men stationed there be each furnished with a Bell of sufficient size to be rung as an alarm at the first appearance of fire in any part of the Town—

That the pay be as follows—

2	Constables at 30 Dollars p month - - - -	$720—
30	Watchmen - at 15 Dollars - - - do - - - - -	5400—
		6120
	Expences - - - -	130
		$6250—

The aforegoing Report being read & amended, was accepted & the Chairman was directed to publish the substance of the Report for public information, and to invite suitable Persons to undertake the duties pointed out—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 5. 1802—
Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Howard, Porter, Tileston Oliver—

Approved of the Indentures of Jupiter a black Lad to John Salter as on file—

Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to take a Note from Thomas Boyle now confined in Jail for 50 Dollars, at 6 months date, being the amount of the fine for which he is committed & to discharge him—

The following are the proceedings of the Selectmen in laying out & widening Fish Street where it was desolated at the Fire of the 15. of December—& the parts adjacent. Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Sherburne Oliver & Hunnewell. Decemr. 21. 1801—

The Board proceeded to Fish Street on that part which had been laid waste by the late Fire & the parts adjacent, viewed the Ground & staked out the line of the Street in future & its bounds which are as follows—

On the Easterly side
beginning at the North West Corner of the House of Philip Wentworth the Street being there 29 feet wide, to run Northerly through Land of Samuel Hitchborn & Amasa Stutson to the South West Corner of Stoddards Cellar Wall, thence Northerly along the former line of the Street, in a straight line to the North West Corner of the Cellar of [**98.**] Samuel Swett; thence to the Corner of Moores Wharff as the Buildings now stand & through an old Building of Dr. Simeon Howard, 9 feet on the South side & 4 feet on the North line thereoff measuring on the Easterly side as follows—From the Corner of E. Wells Store upon the Shop adjoining to Clarks Wharff, the Street to be in width 35 feet—

From the Door of Babcocks Store to Clarks old Building occupied by Emes, & upon the same - - - - - - - - 35 feet
From the Corner of Swetts Cellar to & upon R. G. Amory - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 35 feet
From the Corner of A. Wild to & upon the portion between Martin & Loring - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 35 feet—
From the Corner of Stoddards Cellar up Cross Street - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 35 feet
From the Stake at Stutsons Cellar up Cross Street on the North side of House of John C. Jones - - - 33—
and thro'. the said House of J. C. Jones to a point in the South Line thereof in said Fish Street

At all the intermediate Stations & through the whole length of the Street from Cross Street to the Brick house of the Heirs of Dr. William Clark the Street to be 35 [ft.] wide—

The Chairman was requested to have an accurate survey of the Street made conformable to the above—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 10—1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Howard, Hunnewell, Tileston Oliver,

The Chairman & Mr. Oliver a Committee to employ one or more Persons to compleat the Lists of qualified Voters agreable to the Returns from the Committees of the different Wards—The same Commee. is desired to have the same Lists printed agreable to the Vote of the Town—

The Chairman Mr. Tilden & Mr. Sturgis a Commee. to agree upon a Referree on the part of the Town to decide upon the Claims of the Town & State to the old Town—House, in conjunction with such other Referrees, as shall be chosen by the Attorney General & the Judges of the Supreme [Court] agreable to the Resolve of the Legislature—the above Commee. is to con-

fer with Mr. Lowell who has been employ'd as Attorney to the Town in this case, for his [**99.**] advice & Assistance therein—

A Copy of the Census lately taken in this Town, was presented by Mr. Charles Storer, Assistant to the Marshall of this District —Voted, that the Thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. Storer, for his communication, & that he be informed, the same shall be carefully preserved among the Town Records—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 12. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Howard, Tileston, Porter, Tilden,

Voted, to publish the following Advertizement respecting the Lists of qualified Voters—

The Selectmen hereby inform their fellow Citizens that in pursuance of the Law of the Commonwealth, on Monday next March 22d. there will be posted up at Faneuil Hall, on the Floor of the Old Townhouse, & at the Office of the Board of Health, complete Copies of the Corrected Lists of Persons in the Town of Boston qualified to Vote in the choice of Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators, Representatives in the General Court & Representatives in Congress—

Copies of the Lists are also deposited in the hands of the several Committees who corrected the same by order of the Town. Notice is also given that the Selectmen will be in Session at their Room from the hours of 9 to 11. on the Morning of the 5t. Day of April next. previous to the Election of Governor Lt. Governor & Senators for the purpose of receiving evidence of the qualifications of Persons whose Names have not been entred on the Lists publish'd

That each Member of the Commee. appointed by the Town to Correct the Lists be furnished with ten Copies of the same, for the use of his Ward—

Voted, that the Gentlemen of the above Committees be requested to attend at the ensuing Election of Governor &c. to assist the Selectmen—that the Benches at the West end of the Hall be appropriated for the Commee. of the Wards—and that the Numbers [**100.**] of the Wards, be painted in large characters in front of the Seats—

Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Howard are desired to attend to have the Seats prepared & the proper numbers painted.

The Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Porter a Commee. to view Beiknap Street, to ascertain the line of said Street where the same is laid through Mr. Austins Rope-Walks—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 24th. 1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Tileston, Hunnewell, Porter. Oliver, Howard.

A Meeting warned at 5. o Clock to act upon the application of Mr. Isaac Eaton Junr. for an appointment as an Auchtioneer—

A Warrant this Day issued by the Selectmen for Convening the 1st Monday of April next being the 5th. Day, for the choice of a GOVERNOR, Lt. Governor & 4 Senators for County of Suffolk as by Law directed—

Voted, that Mr. Newell—, have the printing of the Notifications—

Messrs: Howard & Sherburne a Commee. to wait on the Revd. Mr. Haskel - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - with the request of the Selectmen to open the Meeting with prayer— .

At a special Meeting for the purpose; the Application of Mr. Isaac Eaton Junr., for being appointed an Auchtioneer was taken up, and he was according[ly] appointed

Application made by a Commee. from the Fire-wards, proposing that an Engine should be built in the room of the Extinguisher No. 7—and that it be upon the same construction—

Application, by a Commee. of New North Church to ask a Rent in future for the use of their Land on which an Engine house stands & which the Town has occupied gratis for a number of Years

[**101.**] The Board came to the choice of two Constables of the Watch—and Mess: Jonathan Trask & Mr. John Spear were unanimously chosen

Mr. William Gooch was chosen Clerk of the Market he to give security to the satisfaction of the Board from the 1st. of January last—

Mr. George Trott chosen Hay-weigher for the Year ensuing—

Mr. Porter, Tileston, Oliver & Hunnewell a Commee. to have the care of the Common, the Year ensuing—

The Board came to the choice of a Superintendent of the Police, and Charles Bulfinch Esquire was unanimously chosen—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21st, 1802 Present Mess Howard, Porter, Tilden, Bulfinch, Sturgis, Tileston, Hunnewell, Oliver.

23 Inspectors for C. C. P. drawn from Box & entered on Jury Book—& Jurors for Circuit Court—

The following Notification was directed to be printed & distributed to the Inhabitants—

In conformity to the Votes of the Town passed at the Meeting on the 17 Inst.—

The Inhabitants of the several Wards are hereby Notified, after they have made choice of a member of the Board of Health on Wednesday the 7th of April next, to proceed to choose & appoint 2 Persons in each Ward to assist the Town Assessors in taking the list of the Polls, in estimating the value of the personal property & in appraising the value of all real Estates in their own ward—The Clerks of the Wards who preside in the Meeting are requested to make return of the Persons so chosen to the Chairman of the Selectmen & in case of death or resignation of any one so chosen, they are directed [102.] to call a new Meeting of their respective Wards to supply such vacancy—

The Chairman Mr. Sturgis & Mr. Hunnewell a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Wards chosen at the last Meeting, respecting their duties & the organization of the new Wards—the same Committee are directed to consider whether any improvement can be made in the Market with respect to accommodation, cleanliness &c. and whether any measures can be adopted to promote the cleanliness of the Stalls—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Tilden, Howard, Porter Oliver Hunnewell Tileston.

Mr. Benjamin Henderson one of the Collectors having produced Bonds from the State County & Town Treasurers of his proportion of the Tax for 1800—gives him to collect—the Town Clerk is directed to deliver up his Bond for that Year—

On the application of the First Wards—Voted, that Mr. Parkman be requested to report the Size of Engine Hose of such length & dimensions as may be agreeable to the Fire-Wards

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 31—1802—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Tileston, Hunnewell, Oliver.

M^r^. Porter & M^r^. Oliver a Comm^ee^. for repairing Marlborough Street Newbury Orange & Washington Street, likewise all Streets West & East to the South of Liberty Tree so called—

M^r^. Tilden & M^r^. Tileston to repair Streets to the Eastward of the Main Streets—Ward N°. 10—
M^r^. Sherburne & M^r^. Howard all the Streets below the Bridge
M^r^. Bulfinch M^r^. Sturgis & M^r^. Hunnewell to repair the Streets in the other parts of the Town—

The Comm^ee^. of the South Quarter were requested to confer with M^r^. Joshua Davis Junr. respecting the Towns proportion of the Fence on his Land in the Neck, to see what repairs may be necessary & whether the same should be borne by the Persons who leased y^e^. Lands last Year

[**103.**] M^r^. William Porter proposed to the Board to have a drain laid with Brick & Slate from Pleasant Street through his Land 130 feet to the Salt Water (at the expence of the Town) for the purpose of sinking & carrying off the Overground water from said Street; & in consideration of such Drain being laid said Porter Agrees to give the Town the right of improving said Drain for ever, for the purpose aforesaid—the above proposal was agreed to by the Board, provided the expence shall not exceed the estimated price of 67D. 50 cents & they further consent that M^r^. Porter & his Successors shall have the right of compensation for any other Drain or Drains that may in future enter therein, he to keep the Drain now to be built by the Town in repair for ever—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 9—1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Oliver,

M^r^. Samuel Brintnel has liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground on the West side—M^r^. John Sullivan has liberty to Build another Tomb on the east side of said Burying Ground—

The Chairman was authorized to sign Certificates in behalf of the Board, to the Proprietors of Tombs in the S°. Burying Ground

The Chairman M^r^. Sturgis & M^r^. Hunnewell are desired to take measures to build Stairs suitable to lead from the West end of the Hall, to accommodate the Inhabitants at future Elections—

Messrs: Tilden Sturgis & Tileston a Comm^ee^. to view the slip at the bottom of Cross Street, to consider the expediency of filling it up, & to report thereon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14, 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Tilden, Sturgis, Tileston, Oliver, Howard, Porter,

M^{r}. Gurley & M^{r}. Paine requested the Board to take measures to ascertain the compensation due to them for the Land taken into Elm Street, & the following Gentlemen were agreed to as Referrees—vizt John Andrews, Edward Proctor Rufus G. Amory Esq^{rs}

On application of Judge Wendell for an exchange Land on Fort-hill the Chairman M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Hunnewell [**104.**] were appointed a Comm^{ee}. to confer with him and Report—

The Comm^{ee}. to whom was referred the consideration of the expediency of filling up the Dock at the bottom of Cross Street —Reported—That the Abuttors have liberty to fill the same the distance of 15 feet, provided that they build a new Stone-head & continue the Common Sewer; all at their own expence

Samuel Denis & Theophilus Witherill were approved & Licensed as Chimney Sweepers for one Year, under the Inspector of the South District—

The application of John Andrews Esq & others, praying for the use of Faneuil Hall the Evening previous to the Election in May next—was read & liberty granted accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21st. 1802 Present Messrs: Tilden, Bulfinch, Sturgis, Tileston, Hunnewell,

M^{r}. John Jones having applied for his being appointed as an Auchtioneer for this Town—a special Meeting is warned, to meet at ½ past 4: O Clock—

Voted, that M^{r}. Wheelock have the care of the Chapel Burying Ground the ensuing Year, & that he be directed to keep the Gates & Fences in order; and clear the Ground of Incumbrances—

A Billet from John Codman Esq. requesting that his right to the Flatts in part of his Wharff, might be enquired into—

Agreed to meet M^{r}. Codman or his Attorney to Morrow 12– o.' Clock for the purpose expressed in his letter—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 26, 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Howard, Tileston, Hunnewell, Sturgis, Oliver, Tilden,

Passed upon Accounts—

Mr. Bayley & Mr. Jepson two of the late Collectors of Taxes having produced Receits from the several Treasurers of State, County, & Town, for the Sums given them to Collect of the Tax of 1800—the Town Clerk is directed to give them up their Bonds for that Year—

An application was received from a number of Wood Wharfingers praying [**105.**] for liberty to carry six feet of Wood on their Carts & Trucks—the subject being considered it was determined, that it was not in the power of the Board to dispence with a law of the Town, which had been approved by the Court of Sessions—and that the same be communicated to the Persons who made the application

The Board made choice of Mr. Edward Vanever as Head or Constable of a third division of the Watch—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 22. 1801 [2] Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Howard Hunnewell, Tileston—

The Board had a conference with John Codman Esq respecting preparations which he was making for carrying out his Wharff a considerable distance into the Harbour—and after examining his Deed & the Records of the Town—he was requested and consented to desist from the work untill the opinion of Counsel could be had upon the rights of the Town—

The Board unanimously made choice of the Revd. Mr. Emmerson to deliver an Oration on the 4t. Day of July next being the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28t. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Hunnewell, Howard, Sturgis, Oliver, Tilden,

Passed upon other Accounts—

At a special Meeting, on the application of Messrs: Jones, Samuel Prince & Joseph Ripley; they were appointed Auchtioneers for this Town, the remainder of the Year—

The Board came to the choice of 2 Sealers of Weights and Measures in this Town for the Year ensuing—and Mr. Richard Austin & Timothy Green, were chosen—

Mr. Mock was chosen to Collect the Cow Money for the Year ensuing—also to enter all complaints against any infringements on the Laws respecting the Common—

[**106.**] Warrant signed for May Meetings to be held on Wednesday & Thursday the 12th. of May next—

Mr. Newall to have the printing of the Notification for said Meeting—the number printed to be 3000—

Mr. Sturgis appointed to wait on Revd. Mr. Murray, to request his opening the ensuing Meeting with prayer—

The Board proceeded to view the entrance into Hanover Street, & staked out the same to be widened as follows—at the North East Corner of the House & Land adjoining to Dr. Isaac Rand 10 feet 8 Inches—at the South West Corner of the House & Land on Hanover Street 13 feet & on the same Corner on Sudbury Street 6 Feet—and the North west Corner of the said House & Land on Dr. Isaac Rand 11 feet thence to a point on said Rands Land, and on the Street 10 feet from the Line of Land of John Dorby [Derby] Esq

Voted, that Mr. Tilden Mr. Sturgis & Mr. Howard be a Committee to submit to reference on the part of the Board what compensation the Town should pay for Land taken into the Street as above

Voted, that Samuel Clap Esq, Mr. Allen Crocker & Mr. Samuel Todd, be requested to act as Referrees, to consider this subject & award the Damages sustained by the Owners of the said Land—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 5. 1802 Present Bulfinch Sturgis Howard Tileston Sherburne Hunnewell Oliver,

Thê Chairman was desired to apply to the Secretary of the State for the use of the Watch-house near the Magazine for one Stand for a Town Watchman—

The Chairman & Mr. Hunnewell, a Commee. to confer with Mr. Cobb & Mr. Hartshorne, respecting an exchange of Land for the improvement of Belknap Street, that they may be impower'd to make the exchange, if the Parties can agree upon the proportion—or to refer the same to the Judgement of disinterested Persons—

[**107.**] Mr. John Wait has liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground, on the South side, on the usual Conditions—

Mr. Oliver was desired to confer with the Trustees of the Aqueduct Corporation, respecting the repairs necessary to be done to the Pavement in consequence of their Pipes in the Streets—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20t. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Howard, Hunnewell, Oliver, Tilden, Tileston

Mr. Jonathan Balch applies for liberty to open the Ground in Cross Street, for the purpose of clearing & repairing the Common Sewer; whereupon he was directed to Notify the Proprietors of said Sewer to appear on Thursday next between the hours of 11 & 1. to show cause why they should not bear their proportion of the expence.

Mr. Porter was requested to employ Mr. Blake to repair the floor of the Centre Writing School—& to have a new Vault dug at the South Schools—

On the application of Capt. Parket,—the Gentlemen associated to form a Troop of Horse have liberty to exercise on the Common on the Southwesterly part near the Frog Pond—the Gentlemen are requested to enter the Common near the place assigned to them—

At a special Meeting called for the purpose this day ½ past 6. o. Clock—William H Mc.Neil & Caleb Hayward were on their application appointed Auchtioneers for this Town

On the application of a number of the Abutters on Common Street praying that the Carts of Hay may be placed under certain restrictions & regulations—

Voted, that the West side of Common Street from the Burying Ground Gates southerly, be appropriated for one range of Carts Sleds & Waggons of Hay—that the opening of the Street leading up by the Granary be kept clear & unincumbred—that Mr. Doyle be employed & impower d to carry these regulations into effect & to make complaint of any Person who shall offend against them that they may be prosecuted according to Law—

[**108.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen May 31 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Howard, Sturgis, Oliver, Sherburne, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

In consequence of the Application of a number of Persons of the South part of the Town, that the bounds of a Passage Way, belonging to the Town leading from Orange Street to the Sea should be examined into & clearly ascertained; a Comm^{ee}. of the Selectmen examined into the subject & made four several visits to the spot, had measures & surveys taken thereof, & on the 6 day of April 1802 The Comm^{ee}. vizt.—Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver & Hunnewell examined the Stone Wall of a Cellar, formerly belonging to a House of more than 60 Years old, which Deacon Bayley attests to have lived in many years before the Revolutionary war; the Comm^{ee}. finding this Cellar & the remains of several Posts of a Fence to be in one continued range—they determined that course to be the South line of the Towns Passage way, & placed Stakes three feet North of said line, as in some parts the obstruction of Buildings would not allow of placing stakes on the line—the Comm^{ee}. also directed M^{r}. Wales to place a range of Posts or Stakes 14 feet from the first mentioned Stakes to serve as the North boundary of the Passage Way—Which Passage way is hereby established to be seventeen feet wide & extending from Orange Street to the Sea, and Chanel, betweed Land of M^{r}. Henry Bass on the South & M^{r}. Nathaniel Wales on the North. The extracts of the Deeds & substance of the above are on file.—

M^{r}. Christopher Marshall one of the Collectors of Taxes for 1800, having produced Receipts from the State County & Town Treasurers in full for the Money, he had to Collect in said Year—the Town Clerk is to give him up his Bonds, when called for.

The Chairman is to write M^{r}. Cookson, to inform him, that the Board wish him to take measures for taking down the part of his House in Fish Street which is to be removed to widen the Street, agreable to the award of the Referrees—the convenience of the public & of the Neighbours, requires it should be done early in the next week—

[**109.**] Boston ss: Granted by the Selectmen June 2^{d} Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Sherburne Sturgis, Oliver,

Passed Accounts—

Maj^{r}. G. Blanchard is directed to Notify the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Athkinson Street to appear on Wednesday next to state their objections to the repairs of said Common Sewer—

Return was made by M^{r}. Samuel Hastings of the expence attending opening & repairing the Common Sewer in Newbury Street; and the Accompt thereof having [been] duly examined by

the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, by the said Hastings, that they [he] had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain according to Law, and no objection having been entred to their proceeding—*Assessment*, was made thereon by the Selectmen and an *Order*, for payment made out and delivered to the aforenamed Samuel Hastings which is as follows—Viz^{t}.—

WHEREAS, a Drain or Common Sewer in Newbury Street Boston has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Samuel Hastings, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account laid before and examined by the Subscribers, amounted to One hundred thirty three Dollars 47 Cents and as such expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore, and receives benefit thereby; and in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by Law to apportion the same; and the said Hastings having agreable to Law Notified [**110.**] all the concerned, before they had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify, that having considered of said Expences, and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid—
DO ADJUDGE, that the same shall be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—Viz^{t}.—

—— Hastings	1 Drain	82 ,, 75
—— Cushman	1 do	2 ,, 75
Martin Brimmer	1 do	2 ,, 75
—— Crosby	1 do	2 ,, 75
M^{r}. Wyman	1 do	2 ,, 75
Josiah Fowles	1 do	2 ,, 75
—— Roulston	1 do	2 ,, 75
Daniel Messenger	1 do	2 ,, 75
John Avery	1 do	2 ,, 75
—— Ames	2 do	5 ,, 50
James Bumstead	2 do	5 ,, 50
—— Langley	1 do	2 ,, 75
M^{r}. Baker & Sister	1 do	2 ,, 75
Stephen Thayer	2 do	5 ,, 50
—— Mosely	1 do	2 ,, 75
Samuel Wells	3 do	8 ,, 25
Thomas Williams	1 do	2 ,, 75
Mary Lowder	1 do	2 ,, 75
Capt. Callahan	1 do	2 ,, 75
Israel Cook	1 do	2 ,, 75
Benjamin Green	3 do	8 ,, 25
John Haskins	1 do	2 ,, 75
Samuel Hastings	2 do	5 ,, 50
Robert Hews	2 do	5 ,, 50

	Mr. Rowe	1 Drain	$2 ,, 75
	—— Cunningham	1 do	2 ,, 75
	Mrs. Merret	2 do	5 ,, 50
	—— Silsby	1 do	2 ,, 75
	Dr. Hayward	3 do	8 ,, 25
	—— Sweetser	3 do	8 ,, 25
[111.]	Lucas	1 do	2 ,, 75
	John Jarvis	1 do	2 ,, 75
	—— Crease	1 do	2 ,, 75
	Abrahm Adams	1 do	2 ,, 75

And we do hereby appoint the afore Named Samuel Hastings to receive of the Persons within named the Sums affixed to their several Names, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
JOSEPH HOWARD
WILLIAM PORTER
WILLIAM SHERBURNE
JOHN TILESTON
EBENEZER OLIVER
Selectmen of Boston

Boston ss: Granted by the Selectmen June 9, 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Sherburne,

Mr. Walley appeared, & objected to pay any proportion of the repairs of the Drain in Atkinson Street, as he & Charles Miller Esq. bore the whole expence of a Drain from Federal Street to Atkinsons Street, which amounted to $195—

Mr. Oliver represented that Mr. Jonathan Balch was now carrying out his Wharff, as he supposes beyond the Circular Line, & begs the attention of the Board or the Committee, to prevent the supposed incroachment—whereupon the Chairman was desired to call upon Mr. Balch to ascertain his right, & to forbid his extending the Wharf beyond said Line—

The Town Clerk is directed to make out a Draft upon the Town Treasurer in favour of the Persons whose Land & Buildings have been taken from them to widen Fish Street; according to the Award of the Referrees—

[112.] On the application of Mr. Nathaniel Emmes, liberty is given him to portion off part of the Upper Room over Faneuil-Hall, for the use of an Armory or place to deposit the Arms of the Company of Winslows Blues—

Mr. Porter, Mr. Tileston & Mr. Oliver a Commee. to ascertain the Bounds of Castle Street—leading from Orange Street—

On the application of a number of the Persons whose Lands & Buildings have been taken to widen Fish Street—it is Agreed that the Town Treasurer be desired to borrow of the Union Bank, according to the Vote of the Town the Sum of $3210—to be paid as follows, in part of the Amount awarded, by the Referrees—

To Samuel Tuttle - - - - - - - - - -	$100—	
Thomas Kast - - - - - - - - - -	422—	
Jonathan Loring - - - - - - - - - -	288	
Joseph Smith & others - - - - - - -	266	
Joseph Mortain - - - - - - - - - -	500	
Joseph Churchel - - - - - - - - - -	300	
John Clark - - - - - - - - - - - -	134	
Samuel Hitchborn - - - - - - - - - -	330	
Amasa Stutson - - - - - - - - - -	330	
John Jenks & Isaac Reed - - - - - - -	300	
Benjamin Hitchborn - - - - - - - - -	240	
		$3210—
		sent Treasur.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16. 1802—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Tileston, Oliver, Porter, Sturgis,

In consequence of a Precept from the Honble. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, that inquisition should be made into the Circumstances of Richd. Whitcomb represented as a Non compos mentis & incapable of taking care of himself a Commee. of the Board made enquiry & certified to the Judge of Probate that he was incapable of taking care of himself or his property, & recommended that a Guardian be appointed for him—

[**113.**] On an application from the Board of Health the Chairman was desired to have a Valve made to the mouth of one of the Sinks in Market Square to prevent the return of noxious & offensive air from the Drain—

Mr. Howard & Mr. Sherburne were requested to have the Bell frame at the North School repaired, that the Bell may be rung at the regular School hours—

Mr. Porter was also desired to have the like repairs made at the Centre & South School-houses—

A complaint was made against Mr. Low a Funeral Porter of the Town—Ordered that Mr. Low be directed to attend next Wednesday, to answer the charges brought against him—

The following Advertizement was ordered to be printed in the News Papers viz[t]—

The Selectmen having observed that great numbers of Children & young Men, have lately adopted the practise of going into Water on the Lord Days, at the Wharves, the bottom of the Common & Mill Pond & other public Places to the encouragement of idle habits & the offence of the seriously disposed part of the Community;—All Parents & Guardians are requested to prevent this practice in the Youth under their care—and after this practise any Person transgressing, will be prosecuted according to the Law of this Commonwealth providing for the due observance of the Lords Day; which exacts a penalty of 4 Dollars for every such offence—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 23[d] Present Mess[rs]: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Howard, Porter, Sherburne Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell

A complaint of M[r]. Vinton & the other Inspector of Chimneys against M[r]. Michael Williams who employs Lads [**114.**] for sweeping Chimneys—It was agreed that Michael Williams be allowed to employ under him the black Lad, who was bound to him by the Selectmen & no other:—& that M[r]. Vinton drop the prosecution that he has commenced against him—

M[r]. Sturgis & M[r]. Tileston a Comm[ee]. to examine the Engines represented as defective or nearly useless; and that they be desired to request a Comm[ee]. of the Fire Wards to accompany them, & two experienced Workmen—

M[r]. Mock the Collector of Taxes from the Owners of Cows paid into the hands of the Chairman fifty Dollars and had his receipt therefor—

On application from M[r]. Thomas Bradford for liberty to open the Common Sewer in White Bread Alley, for the purpose of repairing the same—Ordered that he Notify all the Proprietors of said Common Sewer, whose Drains enter therein to appear at the Selectmens Chamber on or before Wednesday next, between the hours of 10 & 1, to show cause why such repairs should not be made & assessed on them in their several proportions according to Law

Representation was made that M[r]. Blaney Sexton of the South Meeting House had procured a Hearse suitable for the use of the Town at Funerals—It is Agreed that the regular charge for the use of the same to the Town, shall be one Dollar for the Hearse & half a Dollar for the Horse—and that the Chairman be directed to recommend the use of the Hearse to the Inhabitants in the Papers—

Voted, that as soon as the Referrees shall make return of their Award for Land to be taken into Back Street—the Committee be desired to take measures to have the Fences removed—

[**115.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Sturgis,

Passed upon Accounts

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30—Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tileston, Sturgis, Hunnewell, Porter,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Warrant issued for Town Meeting, in commemoration of Independence, at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 5. of July Ins^{t}. 9. o Clock A: M: the 4^{t}. of said month being Lords Day—

M^{r}. James Hudson Voax
Joshua Ellis
Danl. Batchtold
[Jabez] Newell
Robert Partridge
Margaret Webb
William Collier

object to bear any proportion of the repair of the Common Sewer in Love Lane

Voted, that the Bells be rung on the Morning of the 5. of July Ins^{t}. from the hours of 6. to 7. being the Anniversary of Independence; and that four Constables be appointed, to preserve good order in the Common on that Day—

On application from M^{r}. Blaney one of the Abutters on Nassau Street for liberty to open & cleanse the Common Sewer in said Street, Ordered, that M^{r}. Blaney Notify the Proprietors of said Common Sewer or whose Drains enter therein, to apply at the Selectmens Room on Wednesday next, to show cause why said Repairs should not be undertaken, & the expence assessed on them generally according to Law—

Liberty is granted for the use of Faneuil Hall, for a public Dinner on Monday next, for a number of Gentlemen, who apply for the same—

The Committee of the South part of the Town are desired to proceed to repair the pavement in their quarter agreable to the estimate given in by the Committee

[116.] The Persons who had licenses the last Year for Auchtioneers, apply for the like appointment the present Year, together with Benjamin Alline, & William Dehone connected with T. K. Jones—& Stoddard Capen & Philip Ammidon

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 8. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Hunnewell, Sherburne Oliver, Howard, Porter,

On the application of the Board of Health & a number of the Physicians, a Warrant was this Day issued for a Town Meeting on the 14 of July Ins^{t}.—3. o Clock P: M:

M^{r}. Newell— ——— to have the printing of the Notifications

On the application of M^{r}. Morrell & M^{r}. Andrews an order of notice was given to the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Newbury Street & Summer Street to appear on or before Thursday next, to show cause why said Common Sewer should not be repaired & the expence assessed generally on them according to law—

A major part of the Board signed a Deed to M^{r}. Samuel Cobb of a twelve feet passage way, leading from Hancock Street to Clapboard Street at West Boston in exchange for part of his Land to improve the last mentioned Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 14—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter Sturgis Sherburne, Tileston—

3—Extra Jurors chosen & entred in Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectm[en] July 14'. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Sherburne, Tileston Hunnewell

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 21st. 1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Porter, Sherburne Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell,

On the application of M^{r}. Cotting for liberty to dig a Well in Belknap Street—the Chairman & M^{r}. Hunnewell a Committee to confer with M^{r}. Cotting on the subject and to report—

[117.] M^{r}. Sherburne & M^{r}. Sturgis a Comm^{ee}. to consider what place will be suitable to remove the Engine-house from the Land of the new North Church agreable to the request of the Comm^{ee}. of that Church—

Voted to appropriate 1000 Dollars to have Essex Street under the direction of M^{r}. Oliver & M^{r}. Hunnewell in addition to the Comm^{ee}. of that Quarter

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen July 26. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Sturgis, Tileston Sherburne, Oliver, Hunnewell

Passed upon Accounts—

Passed upon the list of Persons licensed as Inholders & Retailers of Spiritus Liquors the Year past, and made return of the same to the Clerk of the Court of Sessions for the County of Suffolk—as p Copy of the same on file—

M^{r}. Sturgis added to Comm^{ee}. of North Division to view the Street near Union Wharff & White Bread Alley & to make such repairs as they may Judge proper in the Pavement—

Agreed to pay M^{r}. Minns in Back Street for the cost of a Drain from his Land to the Common Sewer such Drain having become necessary for the widening of said Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter Sturgis Tileston Sherburne Oliver Hunnewell

Return was made by Major George Blanchard of the Expence attending opening & repairing the Common Sewer in Atkinson Street; and the Account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed, they being informed at the same time by the said Blanchard that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain, according to law; and no objection having been entred to their proceeding—ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen an *Order* [**118.**] for payment made out & delivered to the aforenamed George Blanchard, which is as follows— Viz^{t}—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer in Atkinson Street Boston, has been duly repaired by the aforenamed George Blanchard, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account laid before and examined by the Subscribers, amounted to seven hundred & forty two Dollars 25 Cents, and as such Expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore, and receive benefit thereby, and in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower d by Law to Apportion the same; and the said Blanchard having agreable to Law Notified all the concerned before he had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston, do hereby Certify, that having consider'd of said Expence, & by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid—DO ADJUDGE, the same shall be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named— Viz^{t}—

	William Cowell	1 Drain	$18 ,, 50
	George Blanchard	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Benjamin Gray	2 do	37—
	Eliza Tilden	1 do	18 ,, 50
	William H. Sumner	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Russell Sturgis	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Thomas Davis	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Ebenezer Francis	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Edward Blanchard	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Mrs. Wheelwright	2 do	37—
[119.]	Isaac Winslow	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Samuel Parkman	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Jeffry Richardson	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Daniel Sergeant	1 do	18 ,, 50
	John Codman	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Isaac Townsend	1 do	18 ,, 50
	William Hall	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Isaac Rand Junr	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Mr. Appleton	1 do	18 ,, 50
	David Tuttle	1 do	18 ,, 50
	Stephen Gorham	1 do	18 ,, 50
	James & Thomas Lamb	1 do	18 ,, 50
	William Hall	1 do	18 ,, 50
	John Grigory	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Joseph May	1 do	6 ,, 50
	John B. Green	1 do	6 ,, 50
	William Tudor	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Williams Crafts	1 do	6 ,, 50
	James Perkins	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Samuel Cobb	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Revd. John Murray	1 do	6 ,, 50
	George Blake	1 do	6 ,, 50
	John Marston	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Isaac Hall	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Edward Blake	1 do	6 ,, 50
	E. Tuckerman Junr	1 do	6 ,, 50
	George Higginson	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Joseph Foster	1 do	6 ,, 50
	John Stoughton	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Gardner Green	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Thomas K. Jones	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Elizabeth Amory	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Thomas C. Amory	1 do	6 ,, 50
	John Wells	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Lady Temple	1 do	6 ,, 50
	Samuel Rogers	1 do	6 ,, 50
	William Scollay	1 do	6 ,, 50
	John Fillebrown	1 do	6 ,, 50
[120.]	John F. Williams	1 do	6 ,, 50
	John Simkins	1 do	6 ,, 50

Simon Eliot - - - - - -	1 Drain - -	$6 ,, 50
Thomas Russell's Heirs - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
John Coats - - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Jeremiah Bulfinch - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
John Deverell - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
John Cobourn - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Widow Eliot - - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Stephen Hall - - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Samuel N. Cushing - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Heirs of Dr. Sprague - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Isaac P. Simpson - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Widow Simpson - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Dr. Welch - - - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
John Furnass - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
John W. Blanchard - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
John Powers - - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Thomas Powers - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Elisha Sigorney - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50
Mr. — Lamb - - - - - -	1 do - - -	6 ,, 50

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed George Blanchard to receive of the Persons within named the Sums Affixed to their several Names, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
RUSSELL STURGIS
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBENR OLIVER
JONATHN HUNNEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston.

[**121.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tileston, Oliver, Sturgis, Porter,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 4. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Tilden, Sherburne, Sturgis, Oliver, Hunnewell, Porter,

A special Meeting called for considering the applications for Appointments as Auchtioneers, 5. o. Clock this Afternoon—

Agreed to have an Engine-house built on the East side of the School-house in Bennet Street for the Engine to be removed from the House near the New North Church, to be built under the direction of the Committee appointed last Week to find a situation therefor

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Sturgis a Commee. to consider what would be the best mode of procuring Oil & lighting the Town the ensuing Year—

The Board agreed with Mr. Adams the Carpenter to proceed on Monday next to take down the part of the House belonging to Mr. Cookson in Fish Street, which has been laid into said Street—

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Tileston were requested to supply the Schools with Fire Wood,—the quantity as usual

Voted, that the Street from Clark Street to the Union Wharff be paved under the direction of the Commrs for that Quarter

Mr. Sturgis & Mr. Tileston a Commee to confer with the Fire Wards upon the necessity of procuring new Engines—

5. o: Clock

At a special Meeting for the purpose, the Selectmen approved of and accordingly appointed the following Persons as Auctioneers for the Town of Boston for the present Year—Vizt.—

Messrs: Samuel Clapp
Thomas K. Jones
[122.] John B. Green
Samuel Bradford
Joshua Eaton
Robert Gardner
John Perkins
Thomas Clark
John W. Quincy
William Alline
Azor G. Archibald
Daniel Wild
Robert G. Shaw
Samuel Blagg
Appleton Prentiss
Nathanl. P. Hewes
Benjamin Tucker
John Webb Vance
Lewis Hoyt
Cornelius Coolidge
John Swett
Samuel Bridge
John Eaton Junr.
John Jones
Joseph Ripley
Caleb Hayward

William H. McNeil
Stoddard Capen
Phillip Ammadon
Benjamin Alline
William Dehone

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 6. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Tileston, Hunnewell, Oliver—

A number of Petitions for Licenses as Inholders & Retailers of Spirituous Liquors— were laid before Selectmen

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 18 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sherburne, Sturgis, Tileston, Hunnewell, Oliver, Howard,

A number of new Applicants for, for [sic] being licensed as Inholders & Retailers approved of as p list on file—

[**123.**] The Committee of West Boston are empower d to proceed & pave the part of Green Street near Capt. Barnards— the Comm^{ee}. are also requested to have the Street by the Hay Market, levelled & properly regulated—

Voted, to Appropriate One hundred & fifty Dollars for paving Salutation Alley, the said Alley to be widened & the paving to be completed to the satisfaction of the Selectmen—

Voted, to appropriate fifty Dollars toward paving White Bread Alley, the same to be done to the approbation of the Board—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 30 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Tileston Porter, Sherburne, Howard,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 1. 1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Passed upon other Accounts—

On application from Comm^{ee}. of Brattle Street Church & the Abutters on that Street—Agreed to have the unpaved part of that Street, paved—

Agreed to allow Major Moses Wallach for Land given by him into Essex Street, as much as the expence of removing his Board Fence on the same Land, amounts to—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 8th—1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Hunnewell, Oliver, Porter,

The Chairman M^{r}. Oliver & M^{r}. Hunnewell a Comm^{ee} to view the Fences between the Burying Ground & Land of R. G. Amory—to consider what proportion the Town should bear of the Expence of repairing the same—

On the application of M^{r}. Elisha Sigorney—Voted, to approve of the Stable on his land in Southack's Court to be kept as a Livery Stable—provided in other respects it be conformable to Law—

Passed upon Applications for Licenses for Retailers.

[**124.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 9. 1802 Present Bulfinch, Tilden Howard Sherburne, Oliver Porter—

The Board met at Noon this day & proceeded to Fish Street to view the same in the part which has been widened, whether it was in a suitable State to proceed to paving said Street—

Upon viewing an encroachment of a Brick Wall of the House at the Corner of Cross Street—Order'd that the Workmen be directed to cut off 4 Inches of the Wall from the foundation upwards, the same exceeding the front of the House, & being on the publick High Way,—

Visited that part of Ship Street now paving—& inspected Salutation Alley, which is now widening & preparing to be paved —also viewed White Bread Alley, to consider what improvements were practicable and expedient to be made there—

NB. On the 8th. Ins^{t}. approved of the Indentures of Thomas Mitchell, a Minor, to Henry Wendell Baker as an Apprentice from this date to May 18—1809 at which period said Mitchell will be of the Age of twenty one years—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 15—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis Howard Porter Tileston Hunnewell

On the application of John D. Robins for liberty to fill up the Dock at the bottom of Summer Street—M^{r}. Sturgis M^{r}. Tileston & M^{r}. Tilden appointed a Comm^{ee}. to consider whether it be expedient that the request of M^{r}. Robins be complied with & upon what terms; or whether it should be done at the expence of the Town—

Voted, to procure for the use of the Town the new Engine made by M^{r}. Thayer—to be placed at the discretion of the Fire-

Wards—also to procure one of the new Patent Engines of the size which the Fire-wards may approve, to be also stationed by their direction—

[**125.**] Mr. Sturgis added to the Commee. for paving Atkinson Street, and said Commee. are empowered to widen that Street in front of Mr. Tuttles, Messrs: Lambs & Mr. Perkins Lots in such manner as they may think expedient; to confer with the Proprietors on the subject & to appoint three disinterested Persons to appraise the Land so taken—

Agreed to call a Town Meeting on Thursday the 23d. Inst.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 16. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis Sherburne, Porter

In consequence of the Military review in this Town on Thursday next, Agreed to postpone the Town Meeting to Monday the 27th. Inst.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 27t. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Porter, Sherburne—

Passed upon Accounts—

Mr. William Fennelly applies for a License as Auchtioneer for this Town—

A special Meeting called for the consideration of this application at past 4. o Clock this day—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr 29. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Howard, Porter, Sturgis Hunnewell, Oliver, Tilden,

Pass upon other Accounts—

Jury Men for Court C. Pleas & District Court chosen & entred & posted in Jury Books—

On the request of the Officers of the Light Infantry Company, Liberty is granted them to partition off part of the Upper Room over Faneuil Hall, for the use of an Armory or place to deposit the Arms of that Company—

Complaint having been received against Persons frequenting the Cellar under Centre School-house in School Street, & of the uses to which that cellar is put—the Chairman was desired to inform Mr. Eaton & Mr. French that the Board have determined [**126.**] that the Cellar shall no longer be kept as a place to Retail Liquors—and that they be called upon to remove therefrom as soon as possible—

M^r^. William Fennelly Appointed as an Auchtioneer agreable to his application the 27. Ins^t^.—

M^r^. John G. Gannon being chosen Sexton to Trinity Church, is approved of as a Funeral Porter

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r^. 6. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis Sherburne Hunnewell, Porter, Oliver,

M^r^. Cyrus Perkins from Bridgewater, on application to keep a private School in this Town, having produced recommendations from President Wheelock & M^r^. Elisha Ticknor—was accordingly approved—

Approved the Indenture of Apprentice-ship of Thomas Evans a Minor, to Joseph Dennis Mariner of Ipswich—untill the age of 21 Years which will be on the 22^d^. Day of March 1808—

On the request of Capt. Messinger the Company of Winslow Blues, have liberty to use Faneuil Hall, for a Dinner on Monday next—

Perez Gardner being appointed Sexton of the Old Brick Church, is approved of as a Funeral Porter

The Board came to the choice of a Person to Inspect and direct the lighting of the Lamps the ensuing Season the Votes being taken—David Tilden Esq. was chosen—

M^r^. Tilden was directed to procure Lighters & Oil for the Season—and it was Voted that the Lamps be lighted for Six Months & 18 Nights in each month—

On the application of M^r^. Thomas C Amory Attorney to M^rs^. Rowe praying that the paying the expence of paving the foot-walk in Essex Street in front of Land of M^rs^. Rowe may be Assessed on the Land, & M^rs^. Rowe be relieved from paying the same, she having only a life Estate therein—whereupon Voted that it is the opinion of the Board, that the above expence should be paid by the Owner, Occupant or Tenant, and that M^rs^. Rowe must be considered as the Owner, & that demand be made upon her for the amount—

[**127.**] William Smith Esq & Josiah Quincy Esquire were approved as Sureties in the Bond to [be] given by the Town Treasurer—

M^r^. Porter Oliver & Hunnewell were desired to view Pecks Alley, to see what repairs were necessary & to Report—the same

Comm^{ee}. was desired to view the Street leading up Beacon Hill,—to consider whether a Gutter was necessary to be laid by the new foot walk—

M^{r}. Porter directed to attend to the removal of the Engine house by M^{rs}. Mays in Orange Street, to such part of the Land as may be more convenient for her—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 12^{t}. Present Messrs: Bulfinch Howard Porter Sherburne Oliver Hunnewell

12 extra Jurors drawn for Court of Common Pleas and the Names entred & posted in Jury Books—

M^{r}. Cooper applies for liberty to open ground from his House in Hanover Street, to clear his Drain from stoppage

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen October 13. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Sturgis, Sherburne, Porter, Tilden, Oliver,

The Board have issued a Warr^{t}. for Town Meeting on the 1st. Monday of Novem^{r}. next being the 1st. of Novem^{r}. 11. o Clock P M: for y^{e}. choice of a Representative of the Suffolk District in this Commonwealth in the next Congress—

M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Oliver—a Committee to wait on the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. John Gardner & to request his opening Town Meeting with prayer

M^{r}. Edes to have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Meeting—

Voted, that M^{r}. Howard be informed that Major Tilden has been appointed to the care of the Lamps the ensuing season, & that he be desired to deliver to M^{r}. Tilden the Implements of Ladders Touchers & any other Articles in his possession—

Drew four Jurors for Court of Common Pleas & entred & posted in Jury Books—

[**128.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 20. 1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Sturgis Howard, Tileston Porter

Agreed to have a Gutter paved along the new foot walk leading up Beacon Hill—and the ascent of the Hill regulated for the convenience of Carriages passing the same

Upon application of a Comm^ee^. consisting of D^r^. Jarvis Nathaniel Fellows, Samuel Brown Benjn. Austin Junr. Capt. Brazier, George Blake Capt. Prince Capt. Barnard, liberty is granted for the use of Faneuil Hall on Sunday Evening the 31st. Ins^t^. being the Evening preceding the Election of a Member of Congress

The Common Committee were desired to attend the application of M^r^. Mason Otis & B. Joy respecting some Repairs in Beacon Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r^. 25 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Sherburne, Hunnewell, Sturgis, Oliver, Porter,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^br^. 27, 1802 Present: Mess. Bulfinch, Tilestone, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Sturgis

Passed upon other Accounts

Return was made by M^r^. Thomas Bickford of the Expence attending opening & repairing a Drain in White Bread Alley, & the Account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed, they being informed at the same time by the said Bickford that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain according to law & no objection having been entred to their proceeding—*Assessment* was made thereon by the Selectmen an *Order* for payment was made out & delivered to the aforenamed Thomas Bickford, which is as follows—Viz^t^.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in White Bread Alley Boston has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Thomas Bickford, the whole expence whereof according to an Account laid before & examined by the Subscribers, amounted to [**129.**] One hundred thirty nine Dollars, & as said Expence is to be paid by such person or Persons whose Drain enter into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby, & in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by law to apportion the same & the said Bickford having agreable to law Notified all the concerned before he had proceeded on the business & no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid—Do ADJUDGE the same shall be paid in the proportion following & by the Persons hereunder named—Viz^t^.

Thomas Binford [Bickford]	1 Drain -	$27 ,, 80
Lamb - - - -	½ d^o^ - - -	13 ,, 90

Mr. —— Bartlett - - - - -	½ Drain -	$13 ,, 90
Thomas Vincent - - - - -	1 do - - -	27 ,, 80
Thomas Foster - - - - -	½ do - - -	13 ,, 90
Samuel Toole - - - - - -	½ do - - -	13 ,, 90
Mr. Howard - - - - - -	½ do - - -	13 ,, 90
Cesar Spear - - - - - -	½ do - - -	13 ,, 90
	5 Drains	

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Thomas Bickford to receive of the Persons within named the Sums affixed to their several Names, & to give discharge therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
RUSSELL STURGIS
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBENEZR. OLIVER
} Selectmen of Boston

James Baker being chosen Sexton to the Chapel Church is approbated as a Funeral Porter—

Ebenezr. Storer Esq. having proposed James Scott, William Smith & Benjamin Joy Esqrs. as Sureties for him in his Offices of Town Treasurer & Collector of Taxes [**130.**] the same were approved—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7. 1802 Present Messrs: Tilden, Sturgis, Bulfinch Howard, Hunnewell, Sherburne, Tileston

Upon complaint against a piece of paving in Elm Street done under the direction of Dr. Morse—Voted, that Mr. Tilden Sturgis & Tileston, be a Commee. to attend to the complaint of Mr. S. Whitwell & others, & that the Commee. be empower'd, if they find the said complaint to be well founded, to call upon Dr. Morse to alter the same; & in case of his refusal or neglect to proceed to alter or remove the cause of complaint at the expence of Dr. Morse—

Messrs: Willet & Ballard having laid a new Drain by the permission of the Board from a new Cellar in Atkinson Street to the Common Sewer, it is agreed that they shall pay for their privilege a proportionable part with the other Proprietors of the late Repairs of the said Common Sewer; being seventeen Dollars 4 Cents—for one twenty sixth part of the same—

Mr. Tileston & Mr. Oliver a Committee to sign the Agreement of Reference respecting Land of Moses Wallack taken to widen

Blind Lane—the Referrees—General Winslow Deacon Wright & Mr. Nathaniel Bradlee—

In compliance with a Warrant from the Honble. Thomas Dawes Jr Esq Judge of Probate within the County of Suffolk—the Selectmen of the Town of Boston have made Inquisition of the circumstances of Thomas Stevens Eayres, and find the said Eayres to be non compos & incapable of taking care of himself; and are of opinion that a Guardian should be appointed for him—

sign d by the Selectmen

It having been represented that one Walkinshaw is an idle disorderly & intemperate Person, that he is Heir to some Estate of a Brother deceased, that from his conduct he is unable to take care of, & will in all probability soon waste said property & become a charge to the Town—

Application [**131.**] was therefore made to the Judge of Probate that he would take the same into consideration, & act thereon as the Law directs—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 10^t—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sherburne Porter Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell

Mr. Nathaniel Emms having produced the account of the Expences attending the laying of a new Drain in Fish Street, and the names of the persons who have made use of the same for conducting their private Drains therein, it appears that the whole expence including the allowance for his trouble amounts to Ninety one Dollars 11 Cents, which is to be divided into four Shares of twenty two Dollars 78 Cents each to be paid as follows—Viz^t.

By Nathaniel Emmes - - - - -	1 share - -	$22 ,, 78—
Samuel Cookson - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	22 ,, 78—
John James - - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	22 ,, 78—
Abraham Babcock - - - - -	1 d° - - -	22 ,, 78—
		$91 ,, 12—

On an application from Dr. Lathrop & Dr. Eliots Societies for the use of one of the North School-houses for the purpose of a singing School—Agreed that these Societies shall be accommodated with the use of one of those Schools, as may be most convenient to the Town School Masters—

In compliance with a Warrant from the Honble. Thomas Dawes Jr. Judge of Probate within the County of Suffolk; the Selectmen made inquisition as to the circumstances of Bartholomew Broaders, and find the said Broaders incapable of taking care of himself—& are of opinion that Guardians should be appointed for him

Signed by the Selectmen—

An application was made by General Henry Jackson for liberty to convert the Building commonly called the Granary into a Livery Stable—the Board attended to the same & in consideration that the appropriating said Building to such uses, would incommode the Street leading to the Mall & to the State House [**132.**] and the quantities of Manure there collected, would occasion an offensive stench to those Persons who for health or recreation should frequent the Mall & Common—the Board determined that General Jacksons request could not be complied with—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 17. 1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard Tileston, Porter, Hunnewell, Oliver

Return was made by M^r. William Appleton of the Expence attending opening & laying a Drain in Middle Street; and the Account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed, they being informed at the same time by the said Appleton, that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain, according to Law & no objection having been made to his proceeding—ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen an *Order* for payment was made out & delivered to the aforenamed William Appleton, which is as follows—Viz^t—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Middle Street has been duly repaired by the aforenamed William Appleton, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account, laid before & examined by the Subscribers amounted to Thirty eight Dollars & as such Expence is to be paid by such person or persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby, & in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by law to apportion the same, and the said Appleton having agreable to Law, Notified all the concerned before he had proceeded on the business & no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify, that having considered of said Expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid, Do ADJUDGE, the same shall be paid in the proportion following, and by the [**133.**] Persons hereunder named—Viz^t—

Joseph Tuttle - - - -	1 Drain - -	$6 ,, 91	5 ,, 43
Thomas Wallis - - -	1 Drain - -	6 ,, 91	5 ,, 43
M^rs. Hillman - - -	1 Drain - -	6 ,, 91	5 ,, 43
M^rs. Appleton - -	1 Drain - -	6 ,, 91	5 ,, 43
M^rs. Hill - - - -	1 Drain - -	6 ,, 91	5 ,, 43
Josiah Quincy - - -	1 Drain - -	6 ,, 91	5 ,, 43
Dinah Adams - - - -	1 Drain - -	6 ,, 91	5 ,, 43
	7 Drains - - -		

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed William Appleton to recieve of the Persons within named, the Sums affixed to their several Names and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
J HOWARD
WILLIAM SHERBURNE
JON^A. HUNNEWELL
EBENEZ^R. OLIVER
Selectmen of Boston

M^r. William Remington & M^r. John Chadwick, at a Meeting warned for the purpose, were agreable to their application, being well recommended; were appointed Auchtioneers for this Town—

At the request of the Comm^ee. from the Mechanick Association, liberty is granted them to make use of Faneuil Hall on the 16th. of December next; being their Annivesary Meeting

On the application of M^r. Tyler, that a Passage Way leading from Allens way or lane Northerly to his Rope walks was incommoded & closed by Buildings lately placed thereon—the Chairman & M^r. Tilden were desired to examine the place & the Records relative thereto, & Report—

A Petition was received from a great number of the Abuttors on Dock Square, praying that the Boys with Wheelbarrows of Bread, might no longer be suffered to stand in the Square for the sale of Bread, for reasons stated in [**134.**] the Petition as on file,—Order'd that prosecution be commenced against any Persons who shall take a stand in the public Streets with Wheelbarrows of Bread &^c. after notice given them to desist from so doing—

The Selectmen having in the course of the present Year engaged M^r. Vinton & M^r. Cartwright as Inspectors of Chimnies in this Town, whose duty it should be to provide a sufficient number of able Sweepers to be ready at the call of any Person who should require their services; the Board being desirous to give such Inspectors all the encouragement in their power without depriving those Persons who have been formerly licensed of their means of support—*Do agree & determine* that the said Vinton & Cartwright shall be licensed on the following *conditions*—vizt. That each of them shall enter into a bond to the amount of five hundred dollars, that he will faithfully execute the duties that shall be imposed by the Selectmen according to the tenor of their former Votes of the 3^d. of Feby. last, & shall keep in readiness such numbers of Sweepers as the Board shall Judge necessary from time to time—

It is also agreed, that any of the old Sweepers who may be of decent character and also may apply shall be Licensed on the following conditions. that he sign an agreement that he will faithfully execute the business of a sweeper in his own Person & that he will not employ under him any Journeyman or Apprentice for the sweeping of Chimnies under the forfeiture of two dollars for every chimney so swept by his Journeyman or Apprentice—

Return was made of the Expence of opening a Common Sewer in Prince Street by M^r^. Appleton & filed & the Town Clerk directed to make out a Warr^t^. for collect^g^. the same Assessing each share 5 ,, 43—see last page Novr. 17—

[**135.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 24 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Sherburne, Tileston, Hunnewell, Howard,

At the request of the Fire-wards; the new hose lately imported is directed to be kept in the possession of M^r^. Tilden, to be delivered to the order of the Secretary of the Fire-wards for the use of the Engines—and that any pieces of Hose that are out of repair, or not in use, shall be deposited with M^r^. Tilden—

On the application of Judge Sullivan—Ordered, that the Lamps at his House in Summer Street, & the other private Lamps in that Street, be lighted at the expence of the Town

M^r^. Howard & M^r^. Sherburne were desired to view a situation on Barretts Wharff, where a Bakehouse is said to be about to be erected, to inform the Proprietor of the law in this case,—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemb^r^. 29. 1802 Present Messrs: Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Sherburne, Sturgis, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r^. 1st. 1802 Present Messrs: Hunnewell, Tileston, Howard, Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Oliver,

Passed upon other Accounts—

M^r^. Hunnewell was desired to attend the repairs of the Roof of Faneuil Hall, to prevent its leaking—

M^r^. Zeal Skidmore being appointed Sexton of the Church in Hollis Street, is licensed as a Funeral Porter—

Agreed that M^r^. Vannevar should have the care of the Granary Building [Burying] Ground—

M^r^. Baker Sexton of the Chapel to have the care of the Chapel Burying Ground

M^r^. Zeal Skidmore the care of the South Burying Ground—

[**136.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r^. 8th Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter, Tileston. Sherburne, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Upon the Application of M^r^. William Ratchford to build a Bake house on Barrets Wharff near Ann Street—Agreed to approbate the same—M^r^. Ratchford is directed to get the consent of the major part of the Justices in this Town, according to Law—

The Chairman was directed to obtain a plan of the Street, at West Boston, from Popler Street to Cambridge Street, for the use of the Town—

On the application of John Simmons & Calvin Fisher for liberty to open a Livery Stable in the new Brick Fire proof Building in Bromfields Lane—It is Agreed to give licenses to the Applicants for that purpose—& they are directed to place or paint a Sign in front of the Building with this Inscription—"Approved by the Selectmen according to Law"

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r^. 14. 1802 Present Messrs: Hunnewell, Bulfinch, Tileston, Sherburne, Sturgis, Howard,

Ordered, that a Warrant be issued for calling a Town Meeting on Thursday the 23^d^. of Decem^r^. Ins^t^. 10—o'. Clock A: M:

M^r^. Newell to have the printing of the Notifications for the above Meeting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r^. 22^d^. 1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Tileston, Sherburne Oliver

23 Petit Jurors for C. C. P: drawn and entred in the Jury Books as usual—and then Adjourned the Meeting for Jurors to Wednesday next 3. o Clock—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r^. 27. 1802 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Howard Porter, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

[**137.**] In compliance with a Warrant from the Honble. Thom^s^ Dawes Jr Esq Judge of Probate within the County of

Suffolk the Board made requisition into the circumstances of John Rice Esq. & find the said Rice to be a distracted Person and incapable of taking care of himself, & are of opinion that a Guardian should be appointed for him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 29. 1802 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis, Tileston Sherburne Oliver Porter,

Passed upon other Accounts

On the application of the Fire-wards for a new Engine M^r. Porter was requested to examine one lately built by M^r. Thayer & to Report at the next Meeting of its Dimensions & powers & its price—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 5. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Hunnewell, Tileston, Sturgis Sherburne, Porter, Oliver,

M^r. Parsons has liberty to place a Fish Box over the Slip at the bottom of Cross Street, to be subject to removal when ever it shall be found inconvenient or prejudicial to the Public—

Voted, that the Fire wards be informed, that a new Engine built by M^r. Thayer is now compleat & ready for delivery, that the Board wish the same to be inspected by the Fire wards & if approved by them that it will be placed at the House on the Mill bridge

M^r. Porter & M^r. Hunnewell a Comm^ee. to consider a suitable place for the Engine-house now in Essex Street

The Chairman a Comm^ee. to consider a suitable place for the Watch house now in Bowdoins Square

M^r. John Haskins at a Meeting specially appointed is agreable to application appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town—

The Chairman was requested to advertise for Sale the several small Engines which have been lately replaced with others more suitable to the demands of the Town—

[**138.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 12 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter Tileston, Oliver,

M Derby Robins is authorized to build a head to the Dock at the bottom of Summer Street, & fill up the Dock, he to be at the whole expence thereof & to lay a Common Sewer therein of the dimensions that may be agreable to the Comm^ee.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 19 Present Mess: [Blank]

M^{r}. Jacob Wendell applies for liberty to build a Bake house in the vacant lands west of Newbury Street near the Lynn Tavern; the situation having been examined by M^{r}. Porter & M^{r}. Oliver, they represent the same as suitable for the purpose—whereupon—Voted, that M^{r}. Wendell have liberty to build a Bake house in the place mentioned, provided it be wholly of Brick or Stone and otherwise to the approbation of the Board—

M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Hunnewell a Comm^{ee}. to view the old Engines now at M^{r}. Thayers & to Report what in their opinion is adviseable to be done with them—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 31. 1803 Present Bulfinch Tilden Sturgis Porter Tileston Sherburne Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 2^{d}. 1803 Present Mess: [Blank]

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 9. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Sherburne Porter, Oliver, Howard, Sturgis,

The Comm^{ee}. on the Market were desired to view the Stalls built by M^{r}. Peirpoint to consider what use shall be made of them in future & to Report—

[**139.**] Messrs: Joseph & William Heard apply for liberty to build a Bakers Oven in a building at the Corner of Grove Street & May Street—

The Chairman M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Howard a Comm^{ee}. to view the Building & Report—also to view a Bake house back of M^{r}. Spears Barn in Salem Street—

M^{r}. Tilden, M^{r}. Porter & M^{r}. Tileston, a Comm^{ee}. to consider the fees of the Funeral Porters, what alterations are necessary to be made & to Report them—

On application of the Fire-Wards for several of Perkins Patent Pumps to be used in case of Fire—M^{r}. Sturgis & M^{r}. Tileston are a Comm^{ee}. to enquire the price & Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 16. 1803—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Porter Sherburne Tileston, Oliver—

The Board proceeded to sign a Deed to John Homer of a peice of Land at the head of Middle Street—conditioned that he should convey to the Town another peice of Land of the Estate of Andrew Green whenever the same shall be laid into the Street & appraised according to Law, and took a Mortgage Deed & Bond from him to secure the performance of his engagement

The Comm^{ee}. appointed to view M^{r}. Heards Building at West Boston Reported that the Building is wholly of Wood 50 feet long & near 20 feet Broad, situated in the Summit of the Hill near M^{r}. Austins Rope walk, & other large Wooden Buildings, that in their opinion it would be unsafe to allow it to be improved for a Bake-house, & Report that M^{r}. Heards request cannot be complied with—which Report was accepted & agreed to by the Board—

Upon the subject of procuring Patent Pumps to be used in fires the Comm^{ee}. Reported that upon enquiry the[y] found such Pumps much larger heavier & more expensive than was supposed, that it would be difficult to accommodate them for use at the Creeks & wharfs of different depths—the Comm^{ee}. recommend that instead of such pumps, the Engines on the Creek be furnished with a number of short ladders to be used at the Creeks & Wharves in time of fire—Voted, that the same Comm^{ee}. be desired to communicate their Report to the Secretary of the Fire-Wards—

[**140.**] The Committee on the Fees to Funeral Porters—Report^{d} which was accepted as follows—Viz^{t}

That there be allowed to Funeral Porters & Undertakers in future

For digging a Grave or opening a Tomb - - - - - - - - - - - -	1 Dollar
Use of a large Pall - - - - - - -	1
Use of a small ditto - - - - - - -	,, 50 Cents
To each Porter for carrying Corpse -	75
Tolling Bells, for each time of tolling Bells - - - - - - - - - - - -	20
Waiting on Pall holders, inviting Relations [50] families Neighbours included - the same in proportion for a greater number	2 ———
Removing & returning Chairs & Attendance - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1 ———

Extra service of tarred Sheet &c - - - -	1 ,, 50
For use of a Hearse - - - - - - - - -	1 ,, 00
hire of a Horse for ditto - - - - - - -	,, 75

Voted, that the above regulations be printed in the Papers & that the Sextons be directed to make out their Bills, in separate articles conformable thereto—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23^{d}. 1803—Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Sturgis, Porter Tileston Oliver—

Issued a Warrant for Town Meeting for Wednesday the 2^{d}. day of March next—

M^{r}. Newell to have the printing of the Notifications

Upon a Representation that M^{r}. Trask Constable of the North Watch was confined to his House by sickness Voted that M^{r}. Peter Doble be appointed to take charged of the Watch, untill M^{r}. Trask shall be able to resume his place & the watchmen are hereby directed to conform to his orders accordingly—

M^{r}. Abraham Babcock exhibited accounts of the expence of a Main Drain or common Sewer, laid by him in Fish Street amounting to $49,,25—the same was approved by the Board & ordered to be paid one half by the said Babcock & the other half by the Heirs of Clement Collins being 24 D. 62 C to each half—

[**141.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Feby. 28^{t}. Present Messrs: [Blank]

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Sturgis, Howard, Tileston, Porter Sherburne Oliver Hunnewell

A Warrant issued for a Town Meeting March 14 for the choice of Town Officer, on Monday the 14^{t}. Ins^{t}—9. o.'Clock A: M:

M^{r}. Newell to have the printing of the Notifications of said Meeting—

The Chairman a Comm^{ee}. to wait on D^{r}. Howard & request that he would open said Meeting with Prayer

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9th 1803 Present Messrs: [Blank]

Passed upon sundry Accompts of which a Return & order for payment was made the Town Treasurer

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 16 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Porter Howard,

A Meeting warned for 4. o.'Clock P: M: for the special purpose of considering & acting upon the Petition of Mr. Caleb Field that he might be appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town—

Mr. Caleb Field was agreable to his application appointed an Auchtioneer—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 23d. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Howard,

Upon application from Dr. M. Smith & others for liberty to open the Common Sewer in Middle Street from his House to Procters Lane for the purpose of repairing the same—Ordered, that the Proprietors & others concerned be Certified to appear on Wednesday next, to show cause why said repair should not be made & Assessed upon them generally, according to Law—

[**142.**] A Warrant this day issued for a Meeting of the Inhabitants on Monday the 4t. of April next, for the choice of Governor &c—

Mr. Howard & Mr. Tileston a Commee. to wait on Revd Dr. Stillman & to request him to open the Meeting with Prayer

Mr. Newell to have the printing of the Notifications for said meeting—

On the application of Mr. Robert Robinson for liberty to put a Fish Box at the bottom of Summer Street, it is agreed that the request be granted; the Box to be placed under the direction of the Selectmens Commee. Mr. Tileston & Mr. Hunnewell

Agreed to print 50 Copies of the corrected List of Voters—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28 1803 Present Messrs: Howard, Porter, Bulfinch, Tilden,

Passed upon Accounts—

Mr. Benjamin Sweetser having applied for an appointment as an Auchtioneer—a special Meeting is warned, at 4 O Clock. P: M:—& being taken up the situation he mentioned, as the intended stand was not approved of

Mr. Porter & Mr. Hunnewell were desired to direct the moving of the Engine-house in Essex Street to Land of Mrs. Rowes, where she has consented it should be placed

Mr. Hunnewell desired to have the necessary repairs made to the roof on Faneuil Hall

Agreed to distribute notifications for the Meeting of the Wards on the 1st. Wednesday of April—for the choice of Assistant Assessors—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30th. Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Dr. Smith made return of the Owners of the [**143.**] Common Sewer in Middle Street, and was impowered to proceed to repair & cleanse the same—the persons who appear'd were Sam: Townsend Turel Tuttle & Mr. Cogswell

Drew from the Box 23. Petit Jurors for the Common Pleas & adjourned to Wednesday next 12. o'.Clock to fill such vacancies in the List as may occur—Names posted in Jury Books—

Mr. Miller & Capt. Powers apply for liberty to lay a Common Sewer from Federal Street through Bury Street into Atkinson Street—Agreed that they have liberty to open the ground for this purpose provided the descent will be sufficient to finish the Drain at the Common Sewer directly opposite Bury Street, & that the Applicants open the ground at the Common Sewer for the purpose of trying the depth; or that they repair the same in the old direction & course—

Agreed with the present Occupiers of the Stalls West of Faneuil Hall, that they should continue to improve said Stalls for one Year from the 1st. of March Instt. they to pay quarterly to the Treasurer at the rate of 50 Cents p Week, for each of the twenty Stalls

Approved of Mr. Oliver C. Wyman as an Inholder at the House Corner of Exchange Lane

Boston ss: At a special Meetg. of Selectmen April 5. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Howard, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell

Mr. Benjamin Sumner lately chosen by the Town their Treasurer & Collector, proposed as his Sureties in Bonds for 60000 Dollars, Messrs: Samuel Sumner, Josiah Snelling Joseph Loring

J^r^. Benjamin Jepson, Jon^t^. Balch—who were approved, & the Town Clerk was directed to prepare the Bond accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 12^t^. 1803 Present Messrs: Tileston, Bulfinch, Porter, Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell,

[**144.**] M^r^. John Badger an old Auchtioneer having applied for an appointment this Year, a Meeting is warned at 4. o Clock this day for the special purpose of considering his application—
At said Meeting he was accordingly appointed

M^r^. Hudson M^r^. Edward Hall object to bearing any part of the expence of repairing the Common Sewer in Middle Street, near Thomas Edwards Esq. they having repaired a large quarter of the same the last Year at their own charge—M^r^. Stephen Gibson objects upon the same principle—

The Board being informed that the new Engine built by M^r^. Thayer to supply the place of N°. 5 is ready for delivery—Voted, that the Master & Co. of N°. 5 be desired to take possession of the same & try its powers & if approved of by the Gentlemen Fire-Wards that it be placed in the Engine-house under the Town house—

Upon application from the Abuttors on Chambers Street desiring some assistance towards levelling that street that they may be enabled to erect a row of Trees on each side & regulate the side walks at their own expence—Agreed to allow sixty Dollars toward the same—

The Comm^ee^. of the new North Church apply that the Engine-house may be removed from their Ground in North Street; the Chairman is desired to endeavour to procure a situation for the same on part of the Land of the Rev^d^. D^r^. Eliot—

A number of the Proprietors in Buttolph Street New Boston, made return of the Expence of laying a new Common Sewer in that Street amounting to 240 Dollars which expence was born by

Thomas Kendall
Moses Gardner
Thomas Tilden
George Lightener
Benjamin Bayley
Titus Thayer
Reuben Carver
John Johnson—

[**145.**] And exhibited Bills to that amount & receipts for the same—they request that the Board would determine the sum which they should demand of two other Persons who wish to enter

the said Common Sewer—whereupon Voted, that ten per cent be added to the amount of the cost to compensate the original Proprietors for their trouble, and that the whole Sum be divided by the number of Persons who now use said Common Sewer, and who enter their Drains into it; which proportion shall be the amount to be paid by those who shall enter it as follows—

	Dollars	
The cost is - - - - -	240	
add 10 p c^{t} - - - - -	24—	
		$264—

The number of original Proprietors - - - - - -	8
The new Applicants - - - - - - - - - -	2
	10,—

the above Sum divided by [10] gives the amount of 26 Dollars 40 Cents to be paid by each of the two Persons now applying vizt—Henry Hill Esq. & Peter Virginea—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell

M^{r}. Eber Lawrance approved as an Auchtioneer for this Town, having been well recommended by a number of Citizens—

Agreed that the Master & Comp^{y}. of Engine N°. 3 be desired to take the new Engine lately built by M^{r}. Thayer into possession & deposit it at their Engine-house provided that upon trial of its powers it should meet the approbation of the Fire-wards—

M^{r}. Porter & M^{r}. Tileston desired to view the Southerly end of Belknap Street, between John Joys & Capt. Scotts Land, & to Report what is necessary to be done to put that Street into a suitable condition for use—

M^{r}. Lemuel Capen & M^{r}. Caleb Loring Junr—[**146.**] were appointed Measurers & weighers of Boats & Lighters, for Stones Sand & Gravel according to Law

The Board proceeded to make choice of ten Constables for the Year ensuing; having determined each Person to be chosen, should enter into a Bond with two Sureties to the approbation of the Board, to the amount of 1000 Dollars for the faithful performance of the duties of his office—

The Votes being taken the following Persons were chosen & the Gentlemen annexed to their names were approved as Bondsmen—Viz^{t}—

		Sureties
Thomas Stevenson - -	sworn - -	Dudley Walker William Richardson
Jirah Holbrook - - -	sworn - -	Levi Lane Edward Staples
Henry Lane - - - -	sworn - -	—— Whiting —— Danforth
Solomon Twist - - -	sworn - -	Moses Gardner Jonas Twist
Moses Thayer - - -	sworn - -	Nath[l]. Frothingham Asa Hatch—
Samuel White - - -	sworn - -	David Marsh Eben[r]. Clough
Elisha Copeland - - -	sworn - -	Abraham Gibson John Perry—
Amos Lewis - - - -	sworn - -	Thomas Lewis
John Bosson - - - -	resigned -	Abraham Gibson John Gibson—
Cornelius Fuller - - -	sworn - -	William Jennings Peter McIntosh— see May 30—

The Chairman is desired to apply to the Town Attorney for a suitable form, for a Bond, for said Constables to execute

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25. 1803 Present Mess[rs]: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Tilden, Howard, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

[**147.**] Oaths of Office administred to Mess: Snelling Dun & Boils, [Boyle] Assessors for the present Year, by the Town Clerk—

On a representation from the Members of the North Watch that M[r]. Ambrose Salisbury had been neglectful of his duty, it was determined by the Board that M[r]. Salisbury be dismissed from the Watch after the 30 Ins[t]. —the Captain of the Watch is directed to propose a suitable Person in his stead—

The Board considered the application of James Bowdoin Esq. & a respectable number of Gentlemen a Comm[ee] respecting the use of Faneuil Hall for a public Dinner on the 4th. of July next & agreed to the following Billet to be sent M[r]. Bowdoin by the Chairman—

Sir

I am directed by the Selectmen to inform you that they cheerfully consent to the request of the Gentlemen who have applied for the use of Faneuil Hall for a public Dinner on the

anniversary of American Independence provided it will not interfere with the arangement of the Cadet Comp^{y}. in the early part of the Day, which they doubt not may be made mutually convenient—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27. 1803 Present Mess: Tilden Bulfinch, Porter Tileston, Hunnewell,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Warrant signed for May Meeting—

M^{r}. Porter to wait on Rev^{d}. D^{r}. West to request his opening Town Meeting with prayer—

M^{r}. Newell to have the printing of the Notifications—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30th Present Messrs: Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Bulfinch,

[**148.**] M^{r}. Richard Austin was chosen Sealer of Weights & Measures for the year ensuing, in the South Division—

M^{r}. Timothy Green was chosen Sealer of Weights & Measures in the North Division for the Year ensuing—their Districts or Divisions to be the same as last Year.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3^{d}. Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston Oliver Hunnewell, Tilden,

M^{r}. Richard Edwards having applied that he may be appointed an Auchtioneer— 4. o Clock a Special Meeting for taking up this matter is appointed—he was at said Meeting accordingly appointed—

Return was made by M^{r}. Obediah Thayer of the expence attending opening & repairing Common Shore in Sudbury Street, & the account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed; they being informed at the same time by the said Thayer, that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain according to Law, & no objection having been entred to his proceeding ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen an *Order* for payment was made out & delivered to the aforenamed Obed Thayer, which is as follows—Viz^{t}.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Sudbury Street has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Obed^{h}. Thayer the whole expence whereof according to an account laid before & examined by the Subscribers amounted to eighty six Dollars 13 Cents, & as said Expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose

Drains enter into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby & in such proportions as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by law to apportion the same, & the said Thayer having agreable to Law notified all concerned [**149.**] before he had proceeded on the business & no objection having been made thereto—therefor we the Subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expences & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid—Do ADJUDGE the same to be paid in the proportion following & by the Persons hereunder named—Viz^{t}.—

Samuel Parkman Esq. - - - -	1 Drain - -	$12 ,, 30
John Heard Esq - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	12 ,, 30
Abraham Bazin - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	12 ,, 30
William Taylor - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	12 ,, 30
Alden Bass - - - - - - -		
M^{rs}. Gale - - - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	12 ,, 30
O. Thayer - - - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	12 ,, 30
Bradleys Heirs - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	12 ,, 30
	7 Drains	

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Obediah Thayer to receive of the Persons within named the Sums affixed to their several Names & to give discharge therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBENEZ^{R}. OLIVER
JONATHAN HUNNEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston

The Chairman M^{r}. Tileston & M^{r}. Hunnewell a Comm^{ee}. to examine the situation for the Fence about to be built by M^{r}. Wendell on Fort Hill, & to see that the bounds are accurately staked out on the Towns Land

Upon application from James Sullivan Esq & others for liberty to open & repair the Common Sewer in Summer Street—Ordered that the Proprietors & others whose Drains enter therein be Notified to appear on or before Wednesday the 11th Ins^{t}. to make their Objections—

[**150.**] The Board came to the choice of a Superintendent of Police for the Year—the Vote being taken by Ballot Charles Bulfinch was declared to be chosen—

Mr. George Trott was chosen Hay weigher for the current year, with the same rate of pay & under the same regulations as in the last Year—

Mr. William Mock was appointed to collect the Cow Tax for the present year, under the same regulations as the past Year—

Passed upon a List of Persons as Inholders and Retailers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12. Present Bulfinch Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Tileston—

For the special purpose of acting upon the Petition of Mr. Edward Edes Junr. to be appointed an Auchtioneer—when said Edes was accordingly appointed—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16—1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Chapman, May, Oliver, Wright, Tileston, Porter, Tilden Hunnewell

No business transacted at this Meeting which is matter of record—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, May, Wright, Oliver, Hunnewell, Chapman, Porter,

At a special Meeting for the purpose the application of Mr. William Leverett for an appointment as an Auchtioneer was considered, and the said Applicant is appointed an Auchtioneer for the remainder of the Year, which commenced in July last—

Return was made of the Names of the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Summer Street, & the branches therefrom, whereupon Voted, that the Applicant James Sullivan Esq. be impower'd to proceed to open & repair the same as may be found necessary

[**151.**] On application of Dr. Smith—Passed an Order of notice for the Proprietors of a Common Sewer in Fish Street, leading from North Square to the Water, to appear on or before Tuesday the 24. Inst. to make their objections to opening & repairing the same

Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright a Commee. to enquire into the state of the Common Sewer in Federal Street—whether the repairs lately made has been effectual or whether it is necessary to continue it to Atkinson Street

The above Gentlemen are appointed a Comm^{ee}. to inspect the repairs in the Common Sewer in Summer Street about to be undertaken, & to see that the same is well & sufficiently done—

The Chairman, M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to ascertain the bounds of Gooch's Lane leading from Green Street to Mill Pond—

The Board came to the choice of an Orator for the 4^{t}. of July next—the Votes being taken, William Sullivan Esq. was declared, unanimously chosen—the Chairman was then desired to inform M^{r}. Sullivan of the choice, & to present him with a Copy of the Vote of the Town explaining the design of the Town in this Institution—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 30. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Porter, Chapman, Wright, Hunnewell, Oliver, May,

Passed upon Accounts—

Upon application from M^{r}. Ruggles Occupant of one of the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market-house for a deduction of Rent upon his Stall in consequence of his being deprived of the use of part of thereof—M^{r}. Hunnewell & Deacon Wright are a Comm^{ee}. to view the Stalls in the Market-house & Report their opinion respecting M^{r}. Ruggles Claim & the subject at large

[**152.**] M^{r}. Porter & M^{r}. Tileston a Comm^{ee}. to treat with M^{r}. Gore on the subject of his last Years Lease of the Neck Lands, to consider what deduction should be made from his Rent, in consequence of the Towns entering upon & disposing of part of said Land; also to treat with him respecting the use thereof, the present Year.—

The Board came to the choice of one Constable in the room of M^{r}. Bosson, who declines serving—when M^{r}. Levi Joy was declared to be chosen, & M^{r}. Joseph Bennet & Edward Wentworth are approved as his Bondsmen—sworn—

M^{r}. Porter & M^{r}. Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to view Frog Lane, to confer with the Abutters respecting widening and paving that Street—

The following division of the Board was made into Committees for directing the paving in the several parts of the Town—

M^{r}. Porter & M^{r}. Oliver, for repairing Marlborough Street, Newbury, Orange & Washington Street, likewise all Streets west & east, to the South of Liberty Tree so called—

Deacon Tilden & Mr. Tileston to repair the Streets to the Eastward of the above, & in Ward No. 10

Colo. May & Capt. Chapman all the Streets below the Bridges—

Mr. Bulfinch, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright to repair the Streets in the other parts of the Town—

Voted, to proceed to compleat the paving of Essex Street; and the Commee. was desired to take measures accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 7. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Oliver, Chapman, May, Porter, Wright,

Colo. May & Mr. Chapman a Commee. to look out for a situation for the Engine-house now in Middle Street—

[**153.**] The Chairman was desired to have a piece of Timber placed in front of Dr. Danforths Land in Leaveret Street to regulate & level the Street—in consideration of his giving the use of the Land for the Engine House—

The Commee. on the Common Shore in Federal Street, reported that it was necessary to continue the repairs from the sink to where it enters in Atkinson Street—Voted, that the Proprietors be directed to compleat the said Repairs as soon as may be

The Board having considered the rapid and increasing growth of West Boston, are impressed with the necessity of having the situation of the Towns Streets in that quarter well ascertained to prevent encroachments thereon, therefore Voted that Mr. William Tayler be empowered in behalf of the Selectmen to survey & lay out the several Streets at the Westerly part of the Town, lying west of Lynde Street & the easterly part of Leveret Street, & north of Cambridge Street, agreable to the minutes of the several Records & the plans which he has laid before the Board, and that he make returns of his doings therein with a plan of the same as soon as may be

Agreed to pave the upper part of Hanover Street & the parts of Sudbury Street & Court Street adjoining—Also to pave Back Street from Cross Street to Dr. Stillmans Meeting House

Upon a representation from the Overseers of the Poor of the great expence of committing Vagrants of the Justices of the Peace to the Work house or House of Correction,—Voted, that the Constables be directed to make complaint against all Vagrants

or Disorderly Persons to the Overseers of the Poor of the Ward in which such Persons may be found, who will issue his Warrant for [**154.**] their Commitment to the Alms house—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston Oliver Hunnewell, Wright Chapman Porter—

Return was made by Dr. Nathaniel Smith of the expence attending opening & repairing Common Sewer in Middle Street from the House of said Smith to Procters Lane; and the Accompt thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed; they being informed at the same time by the said Smith that he had cause to be warned every person concerned in said Drain according to Law, and no objection having been entred to his proceeding. ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen, an *Order* for payment was made out and delivered to the aforenamed Nath[l]. Smith, which is as follows—Viz[t].—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Middle Street has been duly repaired by the afore named Nath[l]. Smith, the whole Expence whereof according to an account laid before & examined by the Subscribers amounted to $150—and as said Expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drain enters into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them who are empower'd by law to apportion the same; and the said Smith having agreable to law notified all concerned before he had proceeded on the business & no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expences, & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid Do ADJUDGE the same to be paid in the proportion following [**155.**] and by the Persons hereafter named—Viz[t].—

Nathaniel Smith - - - -	1 Drain - -	$6 ,, 80
Nicholas Smith - - - -	1. d° - - -	6 ,, 80
—— Wild - - - - - -	3. d° - - -	20 ,, 40
Thomas Moore - - - -	1. d° - - -	6 ,, 80
Rev[d]. M[r]. Grenough - - -	2 d° - - -	13 ,, 60
David Martin - - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
—— Stodder - - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
John White - - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
Samuel White - - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
Cap[t]. Carver - - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
William Mackay - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
Thomas Christy - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
John Jenkins - - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
M[rs]. Loring - - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80
Peter Gillman - - - - -	1 d° - - -	6 ,, 80

Nath[l]. Copeland	1	Drain	$6 ,, 80
—— Marvil	1	d°	6 ,, 80
—— Howard	1	d°	6 ,, 80
John Foster	1	d°	6 ,, 80
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And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Nathaniel Smith to receive of the Persons within named, the Sums affixed to their several Names, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
JOHN TILESTON
EBENEZER OLIVER
FRANCIS WRIGHT
JONATHAN CHAPMAN
JON[T]. HUNNEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston

[**156.**] Return was made by D[r]. Nath[l]. Smith of the Expence attending opening & repairing a Common Sewer in Fish Street, & the Account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen, is by them allowed, they being informed at the same time by the said Smith, that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain according to law & no objection having been entred to his proceeding—ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen an *Order* for payment was made out & delivered to aforenamed Nath[l]. Smith, which is as follows—Viz[t]

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Fish Street has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Nath[l]. Smith the whole Expence whereof according to an account laid before & examined by the Selectmen amounted to $152.·50 and as such Expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by law to apportion the same; and the said Smith having agreable to law notified all Persons concerned before he had proceeded on the business & no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid—DO ADJUDGE the same to be paid in the proportion following, & by the Person hereafter named Viz[t].

[**157.**]

Nathaniel Curtis	1	Drain	$12 ,, 70
Joseph Shed	1	d°	12 ,, 70
John Badger	2	d°	25 ,, 40

William Dodd - - - - - -	1 Drain -	$12 ,, 70
Mrs. Hearsey - - - - - -	1 do - - -	12 ,, 70
Mr. Richardson - - - - -	1 do - - -	12 ,, 70
Mr. Collins - - - - - - -	1 do - - -	12 ,, 70
Joseph Allen - - - - - -	1 do - - -	12 ,, 70
John Brazier - - - - - -	1 do - - -	12 ,, 70
Nathl. Smith - - - - - -	1 do - - -	12 ,, 70
	11 Drains—	

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Natl. Smith to recieve of the Persons within named, the Sums affixed to their several names, and to give discharge therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
JOHN TILESTON
EBENR. OLIVER
FRANCIS WRIGHT
JONA. CHAPMAN
JONA. HUNNEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston—

The Common Commee. were desired to attend the pruning of the Trees in the little Mall; which have been injured by the Fire of the opposite Buildings—

Agreed to License Mr. John Kennedy as an Auchtioneer—

The Commee. on Mr. Gores application respecting his Lease of Land on the Neck—Reported that an allowance of thirty five Dollars be made to him for the loss & inconveniences sustained by him from the Towns entry upon the land & letting [**158.**] the same for Sale—this Report accepted, and the same Commee. is empower'd to lease such portions of Upland & Marsh as they find applications for, upon the best terms which they can obtain for one Year—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d. 1803—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright, Chapman, Oliver, May, Porter, Tilden,

Upon application from Nathl. Balch Esq. & Capt. Ozias Goodwin for liberty to open the Common Sewer in Cornhill from their Houses so far as may be necessary to convey off the filth of part of said Common Sewer, which passes thro'. their Cellars & stagnates there—
Ordered, that the applicants notify all the Proprietors in said Common Sewer, or whose Drains enter therein, to appear at the

Selectmens Room on or before Wednesday next, to show cause why such repairs should not be made & assessed on them generally according to Law—

The Chairman, Mr. Tilden, Mr. Porter & Mr. Hunnewell a Commee. to view the New Street from Beacon Street to Middlecot Street, to regulate the Ascent & descent thereof—

Deacon Wright Colo. May & Capt. Chapman a Commee. to view the Alley leading from Mountfords Corner to the Centre to ascertain the Towns Rights & the width of the Alley

Deacon Tilden, Deacon Wright & Mr. Tileston a Commee on Back Street—to consider the expediency of taking off the Corner of a House belonging to Mr. Asa Lawrance to heighten said Street—

The Chairman Mr. Porter & Mr. Oliver a Commee. on High Street to confer with Mr. Langley & the Neighbours and Abutters on that Street, relative to widening the Southerly end of said Street—to make estimates of the expence & of the assistance that will be afforded, by Persons interested in that improvement—

Agreed to allow One hundred Dollars for Gravel [**159.**] to be spread in Warren Street under the direction of Mr. Porter, the Inhabitants having already levelled & regulated the Ground at their own expence—

The Town Clerk is directed to apply to the Clerk of the Sessions, for a list of licensed Persons, to be acted upon—also to make out a List of Auchtioneers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27t Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, Tileston, Wright, Porter,

Passed upon Accounts—

5. o Clock

At a special Meeting for the purpose, the Selectmen agreable to application approved of, & accordingly appointed the following Persons as Auchtioneers for this Town the present Year—Vizt.—not finished untill July 6t—see below—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30—Present Bulfinch Tilden Hunnewell, Tileston Oliver—

Warrant issued for Town Meeting on Monday the 4th of July next, at Faneuil Hall 9. O Clock A. M:—whereupon

Voted, that the Bells be rung on the Morning of the 4th. of July next from the hours of 6 to 7. being the Anniversary of American Independence—and that 6 Constables be appointed to preserve good order in the Common & at the Meeting house on that Day—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6—1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Chapman, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Messrs: Samuel Clap
Thomas K. Jones
John B. Green
Samuel Bradford
Robert Gardner
John Perkins
Thomas Clark
[160.] John W. Quincy
William Alline
Azor G. Archibald
Daniel Wild
Robert G. Shaw
Samuel Blagge
Appleton Prentiss
Nathl. Phillips Hews
Benjamin Tucker
John W. Vance
Lewis Hoyt
Cornelius Coolidge
John Swett
Samuel Bridge
John Eaton Junr.
John Jones
Joseph Ripley
Caleb Hayward
William Mc Neil
Stoddard Capen
Phillip Ammadon
Benjamin Allen
William Dehone
William Fennelly
Thomas Fisher
John Chadwick
[William?] Remington
John Haskins
Caleb Field
Benjamin Sweetser
John Badger see August 17—
Eber Lawrance
Richard Edwards

Edward Edes Junr
William Leverett
John Kennedy
John Jutau

[**161.**] Liberty is granted to the Military Company of Ward N°. 11. to make use of Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 7^{t}. Ins^{t}. for the choice of Officers—

M^{r}. Chairman was added to the Comm^{ee}. of the South Quarter for the purpose of Agreeing with M^{r}. Wells upon suitable Referees, to ascertain the damage which he will sustain by his Land; being taken to widen Frog Lane—the same Comm^{ee}. is directed in case M^{r}. Wells will not agree upon the Referrees, to proceed to remove the Fences & Buildings agreable to the determination of the Board when they had viewed the said Street—

Upon request of Harrison G. Otis Esq. he is permitted to take the Manure from the Horse Pond, in the Common,—to be done under the direction of the Common Committee

M^{r}. Tileston was requested to employ persons to clear the Mall & Common—

Agreed to Advertize the Town House for the Sale of the Lease of 20 Years—the Sale to be on the 21. Ins^{t}.

It is Agreed that M^{r}. John Peirce shall have liberty to build ten Tombs in the South Burial Ground in a range between the Gates; nine of the said Tombs are to be sold by M^{r}. Peirce to Persons whom the Board may approve at the price of those last Built on the west Wall—and the Town to have the other Tomb at their disposal—

An application was received from the Trustees of the Association for Town improvement, asking liberty to form & compleat 100 feet in length of the new Street leading from Pleasant Street to Beacon Street paralell with the Rope Walk,—in order to ascertain the expence of compleating the whole of said Street—Voted, that the Gentlemen applying have liberty to proceed under the direction of the Board; and that the Pound be removed from the Street, onto the Common

[**162.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13. A: M. Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston, May, Wright

4 extra Jurymen were drawn for C. C. P. as entred on Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13. P: M: Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Porter, Wright, Chapman, Oliver, Hunnewell,

Deacon Wright & Capt. Chapman, a Comm^{ee}. on an application to widen White Bread Alley, in order to ascertain what would be the expence thereof—and to Report

M^{r}. Porter is desired to take measures for the repairs of the Dike on the Neck, so as to make it secure against the Sea

Approved of the Indentures of William Downing to John Vinton—

Col^{o}. May and Capt. Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to view Boarded Alley leading from Middle Street to Fish Street, to Report what repairs are necessary, & to consider whether it be expedient & practicable to widen the Alley, to make a Carriage Way through it—

M^{r}. Trask of N^{o}. Watch appeared for Instructions respecting the commitment of Vagrants & disorderly Persons in the Night—the Board conferred with M^{r}. Hartshorn, the Jailer, and agreed that the Keeper of the Jail be desired to keep in his custody, all Persons committed by the Watch untill 8. o Clock in the Morning, and then to dismiss them unless the Captain of the Watch shall appear before that time to prosecute according to Law—

Col^{o}. May & M^{r}. Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to view the Street back of the North School-house, examine the cause of complaint made by the neighbourhood against M^{r}. James Williams who is said to incumber that Street with Carriages, and to keep a Livery Stable without being approved—also to view the Pavement & to Report—

[**163.**] The Board agreed to the proposition of M^{r}. George Langley to appoint General Winslow M^{r}. Nathaniel Bradley and M^{r}. Solomon Cotton as Referrees to consider & determine what compensation shall be made to M^{r}. Langley, for part of his Land & Buildings, abutting on High Street, which was intended to be taken for the purpose of widening the said Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 20. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, May, Chapman Wright Oliver Porter, Hunnewell

Signed an order for collection of the Assessment on the Drain laid by M^{r}. Appleton in Prince Street the 17^{t}. of November last as on Record—

Agreed to grant liberty to erect a Fish Stall at the bottom of Short Street on the Water

Messrs: Tileston Hunnewell & Wright a Comm^{ee}. to view Belknap Street upon complaint of several of the Abutters against the proceedings of M^{r}. Collins, who is carting a quantity of Earth into the Street, & as they apprehend will injure their Houses—

The application of Messrs: David Bradlee & Samuel Whitwell was considered respecting Land claim'd by them now making part of the Street which leads from Elm Street to Brattle Square—Having view'd the Premises & obtained all possible information thereon it appears that said Land was laid into the Street about the Year 1784 with the verbal consent of the Owners, that it was paved at the expence of the Town & has ever since been considered part of the Street; that when M^{r}. Bradlee purchased the Estate in 1801, he & M^{r}. Whitwell consented that the Fences should remain as they now stand, which consent appears by an agreement in writing signed by Samuel Whitwell & David W. Bradley who acted as his Fathers Agent in his absence—which Agreement is as follows—" Whereas M^{rs}. Mary Turrel & Edward Gray have been very assiduous in obtaining a [**164.**] Deed from Jane Lee of Real Estate in Wings Lane, which estate she is about to convey to David Bradlee—now we do promise them that the Estate now remaining in Brattle Street, which is outside the Fence shall not be inclosed, & that if compensation should be assessed for the same neither she or said Gray shall pay any part of it

May 23. 1801

Witness
ALLEN POLLOCK

SAM: WHITWELL
DAVID W. BRADLEE
for
DAVID BRADLEE—

The Board therefore having considered the above circumstances & the precedent it would afford for others to bring forward their claims under similar circumstances; are of Opinion, that it is not in their power to alter the line of said Fence by taking any part of the Land from the Street, & that it is their duty to remove any thing that may be placed there to incumber the High Way—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, May, Chapman Tilden, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright, Porter, Oliver, Chapman, May,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Return being made of the repairs of several Common Sewers in various parts of the Town—the Board came in to the consideration of the principles to be adopted in making Assessment for such repairs—after deliberation it was *agreed* that in any repair of a Common Sewer all Persons above or below the place which should be so repaired, & who are connected by Drains with said Common Sewer, should bear an equal proportion of the Expence—

In consequence of the above resolution, the Town Clerk was [**165.**] directed to make out a new Assessment for the Repairs made in Middle Street by D^r^. Smith—

A rough draft for a lease of the Town house drawn by the Attorney General was examined & considered, & a conversation on the principles of it ensued with the Lessee D^r^. Rand—the Copy of the Lease was given to him to examine & advise upon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 3^d^. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver—

On application from a Comm^ee^. of the Ancient & Honble. Artillery Comp^y^ Liberty is granted them to occupy a part of the upper Story of Faneuil-Hall for the use of an Armory for their Company—

M^r^. Porter was desired to attend, the making a Sink in Pleasant Street to the Drain through M^r^. Wheelers Land, also a top with Hinges to the Drain through the Land

M^r^. Tilden & M^r^. Tileston were desired to supply the Schools with Wood for the next season—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 5. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright Chapman

At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 3. 1803—Return was made by Nathaniel Balch & Ozias Goodwin Esq^rs^ of the Expence attending the opening & repairing the Common Sewer in Corn hill & Spring Lane; and the Account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed they being informed at the same time by the said Balch & Goodwin, that they had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain, according to Law, and no objection having been entred to their proceeding ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen: an Order for payment was made out, and delivered to the aforenamed Nathl. Balch & Ozias Goodwin which is as follows—Viz^t^—

[**166.**] WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Cornhill to Spring Lane has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Balch & Goodwin, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account laid before & examined by the Subscribers, amounted to three hundred & eighteen Dollars & as said Expence is to be born by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empowered by law to apportion the same, and the said Balch & Goodwin having agreable to Law notified all concerned before they had proceeded on the business, & no objection having been made thereto—Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid, DO ADJUDGE the same to be paid in the proportion following, & by the Persons hereafter named—

Benjamin Green - - - -	2 Shares -	$15 ,, 50
Daniel D. Rogers - - - -	2 d° - - -	15 ,, 50
Andrew Brimmer - - - -	2 d° - - -	15 ,, 50
William Thurston - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
James H. Foster - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Samuel Dashwood - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Stephen Francis - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Enoch Huse in House of A : Hill Esq - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Abrahim Brazin in House of Abijah Adams - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
William Richardson - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
John Bumstead - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
M^rs. Gray - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
M^r. Davis - - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Nathl. Balch - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Ozias Goodwin - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
John West in house of John Cunninghams Estate - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Sam : Hill in House of M^r. Davidson - - - - - - -	1 Drain - -	7 ,, 75
[**167.**] John Driscoll - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
James Campbell - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
William Stackpole - - -	2 d° - - -	15 ,, 50
——— Dillaway - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Peter R. Dalton - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Hugh Kendall - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Samuel Clap - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
James Thwing - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
Mungo Mackay - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
——— Bancroft - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
John Magnor - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75
William Hews - - - - -	1 d° - - -	7 ,, 75

S. Goldsbury. D. Spears } Estate	1 Drain	$7 ,, 75
———Delisle	1 d°	7 ,, 75
Allan Pollack	1 d°	7 ,, 75
Nathl: Emmons	1 d°	7 ,, 75
William Homer	1 d°	7 ,, 75
Andrew Homer	1 d°	7 ,, 75
James Carter	1 d°	7 ,, 75
Christopher Marshall	1 d°	7 ,, 75
	41 Shares	

And we do hereby Appoint James Minzies to receive of the Persons within named, the Sums Affixed to their Names; and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBEN^{R}. OLIVER
} Selectmen of Boston

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27—1803
return having been made by Thomas Edwards Esq of the Expences attending the opening and laying a Drain in Middle Street, & the Account thereof having been duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed and they being informed that the said Edwards had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said [**168.**] Drain, according to law, & no objection having been made to his proceeding—Assessment was made thereon by the Selectmen: an Order of payment is now made out & delivered to the aforenamed Thomas Edwards, which is as follows—Viz^{t}.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer in Middle Street Boston has been duly repaired by Thomas Edwards Esq. the whole Expence whereof according to an Account laid before & examined by the Selectmen amounts to Sixty one Dollars 50 cents, and as such expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore & recive benefit thereby; and in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by Law to Apportion the same, and the said Edwards having agreable to Law, Notified all the concerned before he had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto, Therefore, we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expence, and by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid DO ADJUDGE the same shall be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereinafter named—Viz^{t}.—

Edward Haynes - - - - -	2 Shares -	$15 ,, 38
Benjamin Bowland - - - -	1- Share -	7 ,, 69
Abraham Gibson - - - - -	1- d° - -	7 ,, 69
Andrew Townsend & Edward Hall - - -	1 d° - -	7 ,, 69
Mrs. Conant & Joseph Williston - - - -	1 d° - -	7 ,, 69
Thomas Howe - - - - - -	1 d° - -	7 ,, 69
Thomas Edwards - - - - -	1 d° - -	7 ,, 69

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed, Thoms. Edwards Esqr [**169.**] to receive of the Persons within named, the Sums affixed to their names, and to give discharges therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBENEZER OLIVER
} Selectmen of Boston

At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 3d.
Return having been made by Dr. Nathaniel Smith of the Expence attending the opening & repairing the Common Shore in Middle Street from the House of said Smith in Procters Lane; the Account thereof was then duly examined by the Selectmen & was by them allowed, they being informed at the same time by the said Smith that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain according to Law, and no objection having been entred to his proceeding, Assessment is now made thereon by the Selectmen, an Order for payment is now made out and delivered to the aforenamed Nathaniel Smith, which is as follows —Vizt—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Middle Street has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Nath[l]. Smith, the whole Expence whereof, according to an Acco[t]. laid before & examined by the Selectmen amounted to $150—and as said expence is to be paid by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them who are empower'd by Law to Apportion the same; & the said Smith having agreable to Law notified all concerned before he had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certify [**170.**] that having considered of said Expence & by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid—DO ADJUDGE the same to be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—

Nathaniel Smith - - - - -	1 Drain -	84 ,, 4—
Nicholas Smith - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4—
——Wild - - - - - - -	3 d° - -	12 ,, 12—
Thomas Moore - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
Rev^d. M^r. Greenough - -	2 d° - -	8 ,, 8
——Stodder - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
John White - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
Capt. Carver - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
M^r. Buckley - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
Thomas Christy - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
John Jenkins - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
M^r. Loring - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
Peter Gillman - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
Nathl. Copeland - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
——Warvil - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
——Howard - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
John Forster - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
——Homer - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
M^rs. Hopkins - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
M^r. Druitt - - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
Turel Tuttle - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
——Stickman - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
M^rs. Parker - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
M^r. Cogswell - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
——Page - - - - - - -	2 d° - -	8 ,, 8
D. Marston - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
——Barber - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
Samuel White - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
William Grubb - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
——Hoffman - - - - - -	1 d° - -	4 ,, 4
	34 Shares	

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Nathl. Smith [**171.**] to receive of the Persons within named the Sums Affixed to their Names and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBEN^R OLIVER
} Selectmen of Boston

Return was made by M^r. Samuel Blagge & Capt. Thomas Powers of the Expence attending the opening & repairing the Common Sewer in Federal Street & from thence to Atkinson Street, the Account thereof having been duly examined by the Selectmen, was by them allowed they being informed at the same time, by the said Blagge & Powers, that they had caused to be

warned all concerned according to Law, and no objection having been made to their proceeding, ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen, & an Order for payment made out, & delivered to the aforenamed Samuel Blagge & Thomas Powers, which is as follows—Viz^t—

WHEREAS. A Drain or Common Sewer in Federal Street Boston, has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Blagge & Powers, the whole Expence whereof according to an Account laid before & examined by the Subscribers amounted to Eight Hundred & sixty seven Dollars 50 Cents and as such expence is to be borne by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby & in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the said Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by law to apportion the same, & the said Blagge & Powers having agreable to law, notified all the concerned before they had proceeded on [the] business, & no objection having been made thereto. Therefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expence, & by whom & in what [**172.**] manner it ought to be paid DO ADJUDGE that the same ought to be paid in proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—Viz^t—

The Town of Boston for the Expence of the Repair of the Sink in Federal Street		$45 ,, 22
Stephen Higginson	3 Drains	52 ,, 10
Jeremiah Bulfinch	1 d°	17 ,, 36
George Burroughs	2 d°	34 ,, 73
John Coats	2 d°	34 ,, 73
Simon Eliot	2 d°	34 ,, 73
Joseph Foster	2 d°	34 ,, 73
Charles Miller	2 d°	34 ,, 73
Thomas Walley	1 d°	17 ,, 36
Joseph May	1 d°	17 ,, 36
John Fillebrown	1 d°	17 ,, 36
John Hanners	1 d°	17 ,, 36
Rachel Fox X*	1 d°	
M^rs. Foster	1 d°	17 ,, 36
Thom^s. Welch or D^r. Spragues Heirs	1 d°	8 ,, 96
Thomas Powers	1 d°	17 ,, 36
Samuel Cushing	2 d°	34 ,, 73
Stephen Hall	2 d°	34 ,, 73
John Ashton	2 d°	34 ,, 73
M^rs. Sarah Eliot	2 d°	34 ,, 73
John Gregory	1 d°	17 ,, 36
Eliza Wallace or John Bowen	2 d°	34 ,, 73
Oliver Hide	1 d°	17 ,, 36

*Meme. those Names with an X against them, were inserted by mistake see August 17^t.

	Mrs. Hews		1	Drain	$17 ,, 36
	John Blanchard		2	d°	34 ,, 73
	Ebenr. Parsons		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	John Gray		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Dr. Jeffries		2	d°	17 ,, 92
	Edward Blanchard		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Ebenr. Francis		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	John F. Williams		1	d°	17 ,, 36
	Benjamin Bussey		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Proprietors of Romish Chapel		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Proprietors of Theater		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	William Tudor		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Benjn. Green Junr.		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	James Perkins		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	John Russell		1	d°	8 ,, 96
[173.]	Samuel Cobb		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	John Murray	X*	1	d°	
	William Scollay		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	George Blake		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Joseph Foster		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	William Payne		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Samuel Wells say John		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Isaac Hall		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	John Marston		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	John Brazier		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	William Welch		1	d°	8 ,, 96
	Edward Tuckerman			d°	
Parkman	(Edward Blake		2	d°	17 ,, 92
	Lady Temple	X	2	d°	
	John Wells	X	1	d°	
	Mr. Amory	X	1	d°	
	Thoms. C. Amory	X	1	d°	
	Thoms. K. Jones	X	1	d°	
	Daniel Sergeant Junr.	X	2	d°	
	Don Juan Stoughton	X	2	d°	
			62 Shares		

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Thoms. Powers to receive of the Persons within named the Sums Affixed to their several Names, and to give discharges therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBENR. OLIVER
JONTH. HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY
THOMAS WRIGHT
JONA. CHAPMAN
Selectmen of Boston

*Memo. those Names with an X against them, were inserted by mistake see August 17th.

The Board met to consider & come to a determination respecting the Lease to be given to Dr. Rand of the Old Town House & after full deliberation and Vote taken by yeas & nays in writing a form of Lease was accepted, & it was determined that the said Rand should give a Bond with two sufficient sureties to the amount of ten thousand Dollars that he would repair the said Building before the last Day of October next, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen

Agreed to meet on Monday next the 8 Inst. to execute the Leases—

[**174.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 8th. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, May, Chapman Porter, Hunnewell,

A special Meeting of the Selectmen was held for the purpose of compleating the Leases of the Town-house; the Papers being signed, it was agreed to make a deduction from the Rent of one third of a month, in consequence of the unavoidable delays which have taken place in compleating the Lease—

On the application of Mr. Samuel Perkins—the Chairman & Mr. Hunnewell a Commee. to view a Cellar now building at the Corner of Green Street and a Lane through Land late of John Tucker Esq. to determine the Line of said Streets as may be best for the Interest of the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 10. 1803 Present Messrs: Wright, Tileston, Tilden, Porter, May Hunnewell Chapman, Bulfinch,

The Chairman Mr. Tilden & Deacon Wright, a Commee. to enquire into the circumstances attending a piece of Land in Congress Street in front of some old Buildings late the property of John Amory Esq now belonging to the Suffolk Insurance Compy. to ascertain the Towns rights to said Land, or whether the late Purchasers have a right to cover it with their proposed new Buildings—the same Commee. to view Mr. Kendals Estate late Marshalls opposite the above to consider on what terms he may be allowed to occupy a small portion of the Towns Land a few inches wide, which will give him a new front in Congress Street

It is Agreed to allow for the paving of Summer Street; the Sum of One thousand one hundred Dollars to be paid to any Commee. of the Abutters on that Street who shall superintend the work—the Street to be paved throughout and the descent new regulated, and the work done to the satisfaction of the Board—

M^r^. Tileston desired to attend the repair of Purchase Street Engine-house—

M^r^. Hunnewell desired to view M^r^. Duballets Land on Gouch's Lane, and to permit Posts to be placed thereon, according to his Judgment—

[**175.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Augt. 12. 1803 Present Bulfinch, May Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright Chapman, Oliver

A new light infantry Comp^y^. commanded by M^r^.—

Passed upon new Licensed Persons as by List on file—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 17th. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Wright, Oliver, Chapman, May, Hunnewell,

A new, light infantry company commanded by M^r^. Josiah Loring J^r^. apply for the use of Faneuil Hall for exercise in the Morning—the Board consent to the request of the Gentlemen, provided that they make use of the Hall in the Evenings, when it shall not be engaged to other Companies—

Voted that the Masons & Carpenters who have contracted to build the new School-house at West Boston have an order on the Treasurer for the amount of one third of their contract being 897 Dollars—to Messrs: Fessenden & Woodbury & 733—dollars—to Messrs: Spooner Thaxter & Otis—this order to be regularly passed in the next monthly draft

This being the Meeting for considering the application of M^r^. Samuel Rogers for an appointment as an Auchtioneer in this Town—he was accordingly appointed—

Capt. Powers represented to the Board that he had made an opening in Federal Street for the purpose of determining whether the Houses on the North side of Franklin Place had any connection by their Drains with the Federal Street Common Sewer, and that he had ascertained that they had no connection therewith, but went across Land of M^r^. Furnass into the Milk Street Drain, whereupon a new assessment was ordered of the Expences of the late repairs of the common Sewer—omitting all the Owners of Houses on the North side of Franklin place—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 23^d^. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Chapman, Wright,

Mr. Hunnewell & Colo. May a Commee. to look for a suitable position for Town House Engine No 5—

[176.] The Commee. for widening White Bread Alley, was desired to make application to the new North Society for so much of their Land as may be wanted for the proposed improvement—

Ebenezer Storer Esq. the late Town Treasurer having rendered his Accounts, which have been audited & accepted by the Town, & having paid the balance in his hands & delivered the Books to Benjamin Sumner Esq. the present Treasurer—the Town Clerk is directed to deliver Mr. Storer his Bonds

Mr. Oliver is added to the Committee on Sumner Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 29th Present Messrs: Tileston, Chapman, Oliver, Bulfinch, May, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 7. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, Oliver, Chapman, May,—

Messrs: Porter, Tileston & Hunnewell a Commee. on the application of Mr. March, that a conveyance should be made for the Water, that falls on Pleasant Street, through the Land to the Sea—to view & report

The Chairman, Mr. Tileston, a Commee. respecting paving Oliver Street—

On the application of the Association of the Mechanics by their Trustees—liberty is granted to said Association to make use of Faneuil-Hall for their Quarterly Meetings, provided they shall use the Hall at such times only as it shall not be engaged for other purposes—

Mr. Robert Hews applied for the use of Faneuil-hall as a School to teach the exercise of the broad Sword—whereupon the Chairman was requested to inform Mr. Hews, that his request could not be complied with—

A Report was made by the Commee. for widening White Bread Alley, that the Commee. of the New North Society, were willing to give a piece of their Land to improve the Alley 106 feet long 4½ wide [177.] At one end & 2 feet wide at the other end, whereupon it was agreed to annex a new Fence on the said Land to the satisfaction of the Society—

The Chairman, Mr. Tilden, Mr. Chapman, May and Oliver a Commee. to view the Dock lying between Butlers Row & Greens Wharff—to consider the expediency of filling up a part thereof, to make a Street to connect those places & to endeavour to ascertain the claims of the Abuttors & others concerned & the amount of the expence of the proposed, improvement—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 14th.—1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Porter, Oliver, Tilden, Tileston, Wright, May, Chapman.

The Board had a conference with a Commee. of the Board of Health respecting the crowded state of the Burying Grounds several instances were mentioned of Bodies being disturbed by digging of Graves, particularly one a few Days since in the *South* Burying Ground opened by Mr. Low—A letter was also received from Mr. Avis, stating that the Body of his Father had been disturbed & the Coffin broken to pieces by Mr. Low in digging a Grave in the North Burying Ground

Mr. Low was sent for & examined & offer'd in excuse for his conduct, that he had been much pressed for time & could not begin to dig in another place after he had found the spot he had chosen was occupied—

The Chairman Mr. Porter & Deacon Wright were appointed a Commee. to take the above into consideration to ascertain the facts & other circumstances & to Report

The Town Clerk was desired to make out a Warrant to the Assessors for the Town Tax for the present Year agreable to a Vote of the Town—and to request the Assessors to use their endeavors to get the Tax Bills ready for delivery as soon as possible, that the Treasurer may be enabled to meet the demands upon him—

(The same has been performed)

The Commee. for widening White Bread Alley reported that they had agreed with the Commee. of the new north Society to build a new fence of boards placed upright, planed & painted [**178.**] in compensation for so much of their land as would be taken into the Alley—the Commee. was authorized to proceed to widen other parts of the said Alley according to law—

Mr. Asa Foot applied for approbation as an Inholder in the House lately occupied by Mr. Seth King; after producing satisfactory recommendations and asserting that he had no connection whatever with Mr. King in the business, it was agreed to approbate him—

Upon the proposal of the Proprietors of Land in High Street, commonly called Whites Garden to widen & straighten said Street, it was agreed to remove the Fence & level the foot walk with Timber & Gravel in consideration of the land which will be added to the Street, being about 9 feet wide in the center & running to a point at each corner of the lot in the Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Sepr. 21. 1803—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston Oliver, Hunnewell, Chapman, Wright,

Drew 25 Petit Jurors for C. C. P. & then adjourned the Town Meeting untill Wednesday next 4. O. Clock P. M:

The Comm^{ee}. appointed to consider the application of the Board of Health upon the State of the Burying Grounds & the letter from M^{r}. Avis—Reported—that they had examined M^{r}. Newman & M^{r}. Shedmore who have the care of the North & S^{o}. Burying Grounds, who represent that there is sufficient room in both places for the interment of a great number of Persons if the places for the Graves are Judicially [judiciously?] chosen—they were both acquainted with the circumstances attending the Graves lately dug by M^{r}. Low, that he had dug up Coffins which were perfectly sound & had dispersed the remains of the Bodies which were in them—The Committee did not think it necessary to examine any further evidences of the facts against M^{r}. Low, but were of opinion that his conduct was such, as ought to meet with the pointed disapprobation of the Board & that he should be deprived of his License as a Funeral Porter

The [**179.**] above Report being read & considered, was unanimously adopted; and the Chairman was desired to inform the Comm^{ee}. of the West Boston Society & the Board of Overseers of the above decision—that M^{r}. Low should not in future be employed by them in that capacity.

Capt. John Brazier & the Officers of the Fusileers Company request liberty to inclose part of the upper Story of Faneuil Hall for an Armory—upon viewing the situation it was agreed that they might inclose the space between the Rafters nearest the east and west partitions, which would leave a window open at each end, & that a passage way of 10 feet wide to be left in front of the Armory of Capt. Messengrs Comp^{y}—& continued in a straight line to the Rafters first mentioned.—

Agreed to the request of the Officers of the Boston Brigade that they might have the use of the Hall on the 4^{t}. of October next for a Dinner after the review—also that they might make use of the Hall for exercise, any Evening previous to that time, when it shall not be otherwise engaged—

Joseph Stevens is permitted to occupy the Fish Stall at the bottom of Summer Street, lately allowed to Robinson who consents thereto—M^{r}. Tileston & M^{r}. Hunnewell were desired to direct the alterations in the Stall which M^{r}. Stevens proposes to make—

M^{r}. Porter, Tileston, & Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to view a Wooden Building in Essex Street which the Owner intends making into a Bake House, to consider whether it is proper to license the Building for that use & to report—

Approved of the Indentures of Stephen Robinson a Minor & a black to Eben^{r}. Oliver Esq. as a Servant untill the 25. Day of April 1810, as on file—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 25. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Chapman, Hunnewell, Wright,

Passed upon Accounts—

[**180.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Sepr. 28 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Chapman, Wright, Porter, Hunnewell,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston ss: Agreed to the Indentures of Cudit Morris, a Minor to Lewis Everet Confectioner, untill the time of his coming of age, being the 1st. Day of Decem^{r} 1811—

4 Jurymen drawn & entred on Jury Books—

The Board had a conference with the Officers of the several Companies who have Armories in Faneuil Hall stating their objections to the grant made last Meeting to the Fusileer Company—the Officers of the Fusileers were also present to answer the objections

Agreed that Col^{o}. Wells & Capt. Brazier should view the vacant space in the upper Story of the Building & determine what part could most conviently be appropriated to the business —whether the Entry opposite the Assessors Room, with an addition of 5 feet inside the partition—or the space within the partition to include one Window—

Boston ss: At a special Meeting of the Selectmen

Present the whole Board

The Board was called together to consider what measures were proper to be taken with respect to the Funeral of the late Samuel

Adams Esq. formerly Governor of this Commonwealth.—It was agreed that the Bells of the several Churches in the Town should be tolled— that the Selectmen would attend the Funeral as a Board & that the Chairman should insert a Card in the public papers inviting all the Town Officers to attend the Funeral in honor of the deceased—

A Comm^{ee} of Gentlemen from the particular Friends & Family Connections of Governor Adams attended to know the determination of the Board on this subject and expressed their satisfaction at the Resolutions which had been adopted & the wish of the Connections, that there should be no military parade—

[**181.**] Boston ss: At a special Meeting of the Board
Present the whole Board— except M^{r}. Porter

The present Meeting was called in consequence of a previous Communication from the Comm^{ee}. above named stating that it was the wish of a great number of the late M^{r}. Adams Friends that there should be some military parade at his Funeral & as the Governor was not in Town to give orders to the purpose, they urged the Selectmen to request the Major General to order out a military escort—the subject having been considered, it was determined that the Chairman should wait on the Comm^{ee}. & enform them that it was the wish of the Board to show every testimony of respect on the present occasion that was consistent with their Office; but that they considered any military arrangements out of the line of their duty

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Octo^{r}. 5. 1803 Present Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Chapman,

On the application and recommendation of the Proprietors of the Catholic Church, M^{r}. Thomas Doyle, Sexton to the Society is approved as a Funeral Porter

Messrs: Tileston Hunnewell & Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to view a Building in Sudbury Street, to consider whether it may be proper to approbate it for a Livery Stable.—

The Chairman was desired to recommend in the public Papers, that the Shops should be shut in the Streets through which the Funeral Procession of the late M^{r}. Adams will pass, & that the Shipping in the Harbour & all the Wharves display their Colours at half Mast—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 12. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Chapman, Wright, May, Hunnewell,

On the application of Mr. Asa Hammond—a Commee. of Mr. Tileston, Oliver, May, Wright & Chapman, were raised to view the situation of the Warehouse in Market Square called Fayerwethers to consider the expediency of allowing Mr. Hammond to [182.] bring his intended new Building forward in Market Square in consideration of his widening the Passage Way to Mr. Codmans Wharff—

The Chairman Mr. Tilden & Mr. Wright a Committee to enquire & confer with the Abutters & Claimants of the Dock between Butlers Row & Greens Wharff, for the purpose of filling up the Dock to form a Communication for Carriages the Commee. is empowered to choose Referrees in conjunction with Mr. Bray or any other Claimant—to determine the damage which they will sustain by the procedure, & to carry the proposed improvement into effect—

The Chairman Mr. Tileston Mr. Oliver & Mr. Hunnewell a Commee. to view Pleasant Street to determine the line of the Street in front of the Lot where Mr. Marsh intends to build a House; & to examine respecting incroachments of Buildings on said Street now occupied by Mr. Minot

Mr. Richard Austin one of the Sealers of Weights & Measures has liberty to exchange his set of Standards for those in the hands of the County Treasurer—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 19. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver Wright, Hunnewell, Chapman,

In compliance with a direction from Thomas Dawes Junr. Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, the Selectmen of the Town of Boston have made inquisition into the circumstances of Nicholas Peirce of said Boston & found him to be a Person *Non Compos* & incapable of taking care of himself

On the application of Mrs. James for liberty to open the Common Sewer in Fish & Clark Street, Order passed to Notify the Proprietors to appear on & before Wednesday next to state their objections—

Passed upon a List of Applicants for approbation to retail Spirits—

Mr. Stephen Lilley applied for liberty to build a Distillery of Spirits of Turpentine &c. on the North side of Copps Hill [183.] this request was considered & it was determined that works of that kind were unsafe, & improper to be established in a Populous Town, and accordingly that liberty could not be granted—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 26, 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Chapman May,

Mrs. James having made return of the Proprietors in the Common Sewer in Clark Street agreable to order passed the 19th. Inst. & no Person having appeared to make objections she has liberty to proceed to open & repair said Common Shore

The Commee. for filling the Dock between Butlers Row & Greens Wharff—made Report of a number of Claimants in the Dock, some of whom were ready to relinquish their right others being Minors could not act on the subject—the Commee. was directed to endeavor to ascertain the expence of the head Walls & the amount of the Claims & Report—

A conference was had with Mr. Asa Hammond & several proposals were considered for straightening the line on Market Square—no determination was made, but the subject left for further consideration—

The Chairman presented to the Board a Copy of the Record, relative to the Mill Pond—to ascertain the rights of the sale, whether it lay in the Proprietors so called or in the Town—the subject led to some general conversation, & was referred for Consideration—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 31t. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Porter, Wright, Chapman, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accompts—

On the representation of a Commee. of the Overseers of the Board of Health that Nancy & Sally Delarue were idle dissolute & intemperate persons & in danger of wasting their property & becoming a charge to the Town—the Board made application to the Honble. Judge of Probate that a suitable Guardian might be appointed for them—

The Commee. appointed to determine the line of Pleasant Street on Mr. Marshs front & to enquire respects. encroachments [**184.**] of Mr. Minots Buildings, reported that it would be an advantage to the Street to draw the line from the west corner of John Francis's house to the west corner of Minots Kitchen, & as the supposed encroachments were not made by Mr. Minot but by his Predecessor many years since, it was reasonable the Town should be at the expence of removing the Buildings, if Mr. Minot would relinquish the Land taken into the Street, which he agrees to do by his billet on file, & to pay ten dollars towards the

expence of a new Necessary—the Report accepted & the Comm^{er}. empowerd to proceed immediately upon the improvement—

M^{r}. Ephraim Marsh executed a deed to the Town conveying to the Inhabitants the privilege of a Common Sewer from Pleasant Street to the Water—the same to be laid at the Towns charge & ever afterwards maintained by the said Marsh—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Novem^{r}. 2d. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Porter, Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell Wright Chapman

Passed upon other Accounts—

Return having been made by D^{r}. Nathaniel Smith on the 15^{t}. Day of June last of the Expence attending the opening & repairing the Common Sewer in Middle Street, from the House of the said Smith to Procters Lane; the accounts thereof were then duly examined by the Selectmen & by them allowed; they being informed at the same time by the said Smith that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drain according to law & no objection having been entred to his proceedings, Assessment is now made thereon by the Selectmen & order of payment is now made out and delivered to the said Nathl. Smith which is as follows Viz^{t}

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Middle Street has been duly repaired by the aforenamed Nathl. Smith, the whole Expence whereof according to an account laid before & examined by the Selectmen amounted to $150, and as said Expence is to be born by such Person or Persons whose Drains [**185.**] enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the Town or the major part of them who are impower'd by law to apportion the same, & the said Smith having agreable to law notified all concerned before he had proceeded upon the business & no objection having been made thereto—Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certify, that having considered of said expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid—DO ADJUDGE the same to be paid in the proportion following and by the Persons hereafter named—

Nathaniel Smith - - - - - -	1 Drain - -	$21 ,, 43
Nicholas Smith - - - - - -	1 d^{o} - - -	21 ,, 43
Jonathan Wild - - - - - -	2 d^{o} - - -	42 ,, 86
D^{o}. for Deacon Ridgeways Heirs - - - - - - - -	1 d^{o} - -	21 ,, 43
Thomas Moor - - - - - -	1 d^{o} - -	21 ,, 43
Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Grenough - - -	1 d^{o} - - -	21 ,, 43
	7 Drains—	

And we do hereby appoint the aforenamed Nath[l]. Smith to recieve of the Persons within named, the Sums affixed to their Names, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
W[M]. PORTER
J[NO]. TILESTON
EBEN[R]. OLIVER
JON[TH]. HUNNEWELL
F. WRIGHT
JON[T]. CHAPMAN
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Nov[r]. 9. 1803 Present Mess[rs]: Hunnewell, Tileston, Bulfinch, Wright, Tilden, Chapman, Oliver, May

An application was signed by Thomas Dawes Jun[r]. Esq Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk stating that Joseph Hanbury was in the Jayl in this Town as a Person of an idle dissolute character & that there is danger of the wasting the property [**186.**] of his Children & thereby occasion their becoming a charge to this Town—the Board therefore request that a suitable Guardian may be appointed to the said Children

On the application of Thomas Bartlet & others Proprietors of Land in a new Street leading from Southacks Court to Beacon Street requesting that said Street may be laid out & Recorded according to law—M[r]. Tilden, Oliver, & May were appointed a Comm[ee]. to confer with the Applicants

The Chairman Mess[rs]: Chapman & May a Comm[ee]. to examine into the circumstances of y[e]. Lease of the Winnisimit Ferry Ways, and to call upon the Executors of the Estate of the late Henry Williams the Lessee for Settlement—

Acted upon a List of Persons applying for license to retail Spirits—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Nov[r]. 16. 1803 Present Mess: Tilden, Bulfinch, Tileston, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Chapman, Wright, May

M[r]. Michael Homer who is laying the Common Shore from Ship Street across a Passage way leading to Parsons Wharff, appear'd & informed that M[r]. Parsons had forbid his proceeding any further than the old Sewer had been laid; and that it was necessary to continue it further to get a sufficient out-let—the subject being considered, Voted that M[r]. Homer be authorized to proceed to lay the Common Sewer as far as to the East end of the House on the Passage way & from thence to turn it North

into the Dock below the new Stone head built by Col°. John May, who consents it shall be carried in that direction & remain so for ever for the use of the Town—

It was agreed that the following letter from the Chairman should be sent to Mr. John Peck one of Proprietors of the Mill Pond addressed to him & the other Proprietors

Sir

I am directed by the Selectmen to acquaint you that having been informed of your offering land, for sale on the borders of the Mill Pond, which was formerly within the limits of the Pond, & also that it is your intention to lay [**187.**] out Streets across the Pond & to offer other lots for Sale they conceive it their duty to forbid your proceeding Altho'. the Board of Selectmen feel convinced that the right of Soil in the Mill Pond belongs to the Town and was granted to the Proprietors so called for specious uses only, they will be ready to confer with you any day which shall be agreed upon respecting your title & claims & to consider any proposals which you may offer for the public good—

The Commrs. appointed to confer with Thomas Bartlet & others who request the Street from Beacon Street to Southwicks [Southack's] Court may be laid out according to law — Reported that in their opinion it was not expedient to take any measures respecting said Street for the present and said report was accepted—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 21. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Porter, Wright, Chapman

The Board had a special Meeting to consider the request of Ebenr. Parsons Esq. that the work in the Common Sewer in the passage way leading to his wharff ought to be suspended for the present—

Mr. Parsons & Daniel Sergeant Esq appeared & stated that the Wharff through which the Drain pass if it is continued is made wholly of sticks of Pine Timber laid Cross ways which are only 12 feet long, that by cutting through them the work would be much injured & might endanger the total ruin of the passage way that the business of the Wharff would be greatly incommoded during the winter, they therefore request that the work may be suspended untill Spring, & engaged that the Drain may be carried in that season in any direction which the Selectmen may consider most advantageous to the public and the Proprietors of the Common Sewer, even if it should be thro'. land which is their

property—the subject being considered it was unanimously agreed to suspend the work untill the Spring, and orders were given to M^r^. Homer accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 23^d^. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tileston, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman May—

[**188.**] Capt. Brazier informed the Board that Col^o^. Welles declined pointing out the most convenient position for an Armory in the upper Story of Faneuil Hall as requested by Vote of the [Blank] and wished the Selectmen would decide on the subject—the Gentlemen present view'd the situation & determined that Capt. Braziers Comp^y^. should enclose a space for their Armory within the partition on the N^o^. side to extend from the Partition to, the rafter next beyond the Window being about 20 feet long & to leave a passage of 6 feet wide

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Novr. 28. 1803 Present Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston Oliver Hunnewell Wright May Chapman

Passed upon Accounts

Approved of the Indentures of William Morris to Thomas Appleton to continue untill the 17^t^. of Jany 1807

On the Application of the President & Trustees of the Mechanick Association, liberty is granted to make use of Faneuil-hall on the 15. of Decem^r^. next for a publick Dinner—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Nov^r^.[30] 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Porter Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May.

Passed upon other Accounts

Acted upon a list of Persons applying for approbation, as Taverners & Retailers of Spirituous Liquors—

The Town Treasurer applied for directions respecting the Rent of one of the Stalls under Faneuil Hall—M^r^. Asa Page who occupies the Stall Claims a deduction in the rent as he has been deprived of a part of the Stall to accommodate M^r^. Brown in consequence of the Stalls being built in the S^o^. West Corner—It was Voted, that the Rent of the Stall occupied by M^r^. Page be at the rate of forty Dollars p Year, from the time the alteration took place, & that the Stall occupied by Brown be at the rate of 60 Dollars from the same time—

[**189.**] Voted that the Town Treasurer inform the Occupants of the Stalls under Faneuil Hall, that the Rent of the several Stalls will be as follows after the 1^{t}. of January next—vizt The two Stalls at the east & the two Stalls at the West end to be at two Dollars p Week each & the four middle Stalls to be at 1½ Dollar p Week each,—the Rent to be paid quarterly—

Voted, that the Persons who have neglected to pay their Assessments for the repairs of the Common Sewer from Cornhill down Spring Lane, be again called upon for their proportions, & that they be informed that the prosecution will commence against them, unless they come to an immediate Settlement

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 7. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston Oliver, Chapman, Wright—

It was agreed that the Fusileers Company have liberty to make a Door into their proposed Armory thro.' the plastered Partition of the entry—subject to removal whenever it should be found inconvenient or the entry way should be differently appropriated by Order of the Selectmen—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 14—1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver Wright, May, Chapman, Hunnewell

Jurors drawn for C. C. P. and entered in the Jury Books—

A Committee from the West Boston Society, applied that M^{r}. Low may be restored to the Office of Funeral Porter & presented the Vote of the Comm^{ee}. of their Society to that effect also a Certificate from M^{r}. Avis expressing his consent—the Subject was considered but no determination on the subject & it was referred to this Day fortnight—

The Board proceeded on Selection of Names for Jury Boxes—

Warr^{t}. issued for a Town Meeting at Faneuil Hall on the 21^{t}. Ins^{t}. 10. O.' C: A: M:

M^{r}. Newell to have printing of Notifications—

[**190.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 26. 1803 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Wright, Chapman May,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 28. 1803 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Porter, Wright, May, Oliver, Chapman,—

Passed upon other Accounts

Return having been made by M^r. Moses Barker of the Expence of laying a new Common Sewer from said Barkers house in Ship Street to Clarks Street & of the Repairs of the Common Sewer leading from Clark Street to the Sea; the accounts thereof were duly examined by the Selectmen & by them allowed; they being informed at the same time by the said Barker, that he had caused to be warned every Person concerned in said Drains according to law. No objection having been entered to his proceeding Assessment is now made thereon by the Selectmen, and Order of payment is now made out which is as follows—Viz^t.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Ship Street has been laid conformable to the directions of the Selectmen & part of the Common Shore leading from Clark Street to the Water has been repaired the whole Expence whereof, according to an account laid before & examined by the Subscribers amounted to $332—and as such expence is to be born by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby, & in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of the said Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by law to apportion the same, & the said Moses Barker having agreable to Law Notified all the concerned before he had proceeded on the business & no objection having been made thereto—Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expence & by whom & in what manner it ought [**191.**] to be paid do ADJUDGE that the same ought to be paid in proportion following & by the Persons hereafter named—Viz^t—

Moses Barker fifty feet length of new Drain	$62 ,, 50
M^rs. Mackay forty feet of—d° - - - - -	50—
M^r. James ten feet - - d° - - - - -	12 ,, 50
Moses Barker Clark Street Drain - - - - -	8 ,, 65
William Mackay - - - d° - - - - -	8 ,, 65
M^r. James - - - - - - d° - - - - -	8 ,, 65
Alexander Hill - - - d° - - - - -	8 ,, 65
M^rs. Clark - - - - - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65
George Hyler - - - - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65
——Brown - - - - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65
Samuel Mather - - - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65
Capt. Curtis - - - - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65
New N°. Society - - - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65
Capt. Appleton - - - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65
——Wild, Guardian - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65

Eumons Guardian - - - - - - - - - -	$8 ,, 65
Anna Farnum & Elizabeth Walter - - -	8 ,, 65
Thomas Binford - - - - - - - - - - -	8 ,, 65
Cesar Spear - - - - - -	
James Lamb	
Thomas Foster	
William Pool	
Job Turner	
Widow Polly Colesworthy - - - -	
Widow Abigail Hayward	
Charles Shelton - - - -	
John Shelton - - - -	

And we hereby appoint M^r^. Michael Homer to receive of the Persons within named the Sum affixed to their names & to give discharges therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBENEZ^R^. OLIVER
JOHN MAY
F^R^. WRIGHT
JON^A^. CHAPMAN
} Selectmen of Boston

[**192.**] Upon a requisition of the Honble. Thomas Dawes Esq Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, that Inquisition be made into the Circumstances of Francis Robins represented as a Non Compos—the Board made return that the said Robins was incapable to take care of his property, & that a Guardian ought to be appointed for him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 4. 1804 Present Mess Bulfinch, Tileston, Chapman, Hunnewell, Wright,

In pursuance of a Vote of the Town at a late Meeting it was Agreed to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants in their respective Wards on Thursday the 12 Ins^t^.—& the Chairman was desired to communicate the Vote of the Town to the Clerks of the Wards & to acquaint them to preside at the Meeting, and make return of the proceedings—

On the application of Col^o^. Tudor & M^r^. Gardner Green a Warrant was signed for a Town Meeting to be held on Monday 16^t^. Ins^t^.—

Upon a requisition of the Honble. Thomas Dawes Junr. Esq Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk that Inquisition be made into the circumstances of Mehitable Hagger represented as a Non Compos—the Board made return that the said Mehitable was incapable to take care of her property & that a Guardian ought to be appointed for her

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 9. 1804—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell May Wright Chapman—

The Board was called together to take measures in consequence of an error in the Notifications which have been distributed for the Town Meeting the 16 Ins^{t}.

Col^{o}. Welles appeared in behalf of a number of the Gentlemen at the South part of the Town to request that the proposed Town Meeting should be postponed to give them opportunity to make Survey—the sense of the Board was taken, & it was unanimously determined not to postpone the Meeting

[**193.**] It was agreed to insert a correct Notification for a Town Meeting to be assembled on the 16. Ins^{t}. in all the public Papers & at the foot to make the following addition.
N: B. From an error in transcribing the Notifications which are distributed mention Monday the 15 for the time of Meeting instead of the 16^{t}. as in the above—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 11. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Wright, Chapman, Oliver,

The following Advertizement was agreed upon to be inserted in the Papers—

Whereas doubts have arisen respecting the boundaries of Wards N°. 7 & 9. which makes it uncertain, in what ward the inhabitants of the new Buildings south of the Rope walks in May Street should assemble at the ensuing [meeting] of the Wards—Voted in consideration of the great extent of Ward N°. 7. that all persons residing in the Buildings between the line of M^{r}. Austins Rope walk & thence Southerly to Beacon Street, be considered Inhabitants of Ward N°. 9. for all civil purposes & they are desired to govern themselves accordingly.

The Board had a conference with M^{r}. John Peck one of the Proprietors of the Mill Pond, he produced the legal opinion of M^{r}. Parsons respecting the title & that of the other Proprietors—after conversing upon the subject generally—he was requested to hand in his proposals in writing for filling up & disposing of the Pond for the consideration of the Board

A Paper was received from General Donison one of the Comm^{ee}. of Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Summer Street requesting the opinion of the Board upon certain queries proposed for consideration relative to the propriety of Assessing several Persons to the repairs of said Common Sewer—It was agreed, that the Chairman inform M^{r}. Donnison that the Board declines answering

the queries, particularly but wish a return to be made of all Persons benefitted by the Repairs—as the Law requires—

[**194.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 25. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman, Oliver

A Billet was received from the Comm^{ee}. of the Old South Society, consenting to the use of their place of worship on the question at present to be decided by the Town, it was agreed by the Board, that all the Constables be directed to attend the Town Meeting with their Staves to prevent Persons from standing on the Pews & otherwise doing injury to the House—

The Workmen of the new School house, delivered the Keys of the same having fulfilled their engagements—the Comm^{e} for Superintending the Building & House were desired to view it & to Report whether it was finished agreable to contract—

The Board proceeded to consider the application of M^{r}. Low & the Comm^{ee}. of West Boston Society, that he might be reinstated in the Office of Funeral Porter—after full consideration, it was Voted to adhere to the former Vote of the Board

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 21— 1804

The Indentures of William Gibson a Minor to Ebenezer Davis of Truro in the County of Barnstable Marriner was approved—being unto the 1st. Day of Jany. 1809—

Representation being made of the dangerous situation of the Walls of the Stores in State Street consumed last Night by fire, it was agreed that M^{r}. Sprague Blaney & Francis master Masons be requested to view the Walls & take down as much as in their opinion would be necessary for the public safety—& otherwise secure them by suitable fences & shores

Damage having been done to the Old South at the late Town Meeting, the Comm^{ee}. of that Society informed that they could not consent to the Towns making any further use of the Building—whereupon the Chairman was desired to write to the Comm^{ee}. & express the Thanks of the Town for the accommodation already afforded & request the further use of the House untill the Question of the annexation of Dorchester point to the Town should be decided

[**195.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Feby. 1. Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, May, Tileston, Chapman Hunnewell Oliver, Tilden

Passed upon Accounts, a Town Meeting having prevented its being done on the Draft day—

Passed upon a number of Applications for being approved of as Inholders & Retailers of Spirituous Liquors—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 8: 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Chapman, May, Hunnewell, Wright, Oliver,

Had a conference with a Committee from a number of Gentlemen, who were for filling up the Mill Pond—the further consideration thereon, referred to next sitting Day—

The Chairman of the Board requested to hand into the Comm^{ee}. of the General Court, the whole proceedings of the Town at their late Meeting, relative to a Bridge from Boston to Dorchester point &^{c}. &^{c}—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 15. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell, Wright,

Examined the Accounts presented by the Comm^{ee}. for the Common Sewer in Summer Street & directed Assessment to be made upon the Proprietors

The Chairman was directed to apply to the Senators of the County & the Representatives of the Town to inform them that the Board think it important that a clause should be inserted in the Bill now under the consideration of the Legislature for annexing Dorchester point to the Town; that the Streets Markets & public Squares, should be laid out by the Selectmen or a Comm^{ee}. chosen by the Town without any compensation in money being required by the Proprietors for the Land taken for such purposes—

Upon the application of M^{r}. Thomas Godfrey that the line of the front of his house to be erected in Fish Street, may be determined—the Board proceeded to the spot, to view y^{e}. Ground & to consider the expediency of widening that part of Fish Street—

[**196.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Feby. 22^{d} Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver Chapman, Hunnewell Wright May, Tilden

Warrant issued for a Town Meeting Wednesday the 29th. Feby. 10. o Clock A: M:

M^{r}. Newell to have the printing of the Notifications—

Return having been made by James Sullivan Esq of the expence of laying a new Common Sewer thro.' Winter Street part of Newbury Street & thro.' Summer Street to the Sea, the Acco^ts. whereof were duly examined by the Selectmen & by them allowed they being informed at the same time that every Person concerned in said Common Sewer had been duly warned according to Law & no objection having been entred to his proceeding, *Assessment* is now made thereon by the Selectmen & order of payment is now made out which is as follows—

Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer in Newbury Street Winter & Summer Street has been laid conformable to the directions of the Selectmen the whole Expence whereof according to an account laid before & examined by the Selectmen amounted to $4102–$\frac{14}{100}$ and as such expence is to be born by such Person or persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them who are empower'd by law to apportion the same—the said James Sullivan Esq having agreable to law notified all the concerned before he had proceeded on the business, & no objection having been made thereto Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expence and by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same ought to be paid in the proportion following & by the Persons hereafter named—vizt—

	John Amory - - - - -	1 Share - -	$32 ,, 5
	James Morril - - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Turel Andrews—(2 houses)	4 d° - - -	128 ,, 20
	Benjamin Weld Junr. - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Widow Sohire - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	John Whitwell - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
[197.]	Samuel Swett - - 2 Houses	4 d° - - -	128 ,, 20
	Henry Blainey - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Estate of late Govr. Adams	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Ebenezer White - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Joshua Beale - - 2 Houses	3 d° - - -	96 ,, 15
	Luke Baker - - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Samuel Cobb - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	John Peirce - - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Ann Dashwood - 2 d° - -	4 d° - - -	128 ,, 20
	William Donnison - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Mary Hopkins - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Samuel Salisbury—4 d° - -	7 d° - - -	224 ,, 35
	Edward Wild - - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Timothy Goodwin - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Thomas Cole—for Elizabeth Cole - - - - - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	John M^c. Farlane - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10

	David Townsend - 2 Houses	3 Shares - -	$96 ,, 15
	Allen Crocker - - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	John Parker - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Obediah Curtis - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	John Bullard - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	John Crosby - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	John Ethridge - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	John Ellis Agent for Robt. Townsend—2 Houses—2 d°. -		64 ,, 10
	John Boyle	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Daniel Hews - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Town of Boston - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Samuel Richards - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Standfast Smith - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Estate of Sampson Read -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	M^{rs}. Sarah Badger - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Trinity Church–Wardens &^{c}	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	James Sullivan - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Benjamin Bussey - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Greenwit Temple - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Eben Parsons - - 2 houses	3 d° - - -	96 ,, 15
	Henry Hill - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Thomas Walley - 3 houses	6 d° - - -	192 ,, 30
	Elizabeth Walcut - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Samuel Smith - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	George Langley - 2 houses	4 d° - - -	128 ,, 20
[198.]	James Crawford - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Barstow Cook - - - - -		
	John M^{c}. Elroy - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	John Taylor - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Joseph Peirce - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Nehemiah Stone - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Elijah Peirce - - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	Stephen Higginson Jr—Agent for Heirs of Widow Russell - - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	William Parsons - - - -	3 d° - - -	96 ,, 15
	Jon^{t}. Hunnewell - 2 houses	3 d° - - -	96 ,, 15
	Gorham Parsons - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	James Rea - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Nathl. Goddard - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Eben^{r}. Preble - - 2 houses	4 d° - - -	128 ,, 20
	First Cong^{l}. Church - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	Sam: P. Gardner - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	John Experience & Sarah Luce - - - - - - - -	1 d° - - -	32 ,, 5
	William Andrews - - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
	William Hunt, Agent for Ann Bethune - - -	2 d° - - -	64 ,, 10
		128—do—	

And we do hereby appoint Mr. George Sullivan to receive of the Persons above named, the Sums affixed to their several Names, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBENR. OLIVER
JONATHAN HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY
THOMS. WRIGHT—
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 27—1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, May, Chapman, Hunnewell Oliver, Wright,

Passed upon Accounts—

Mr. Pat Gorman applies for an appointment as an Auchtioneer

A special Meeting warned—4 O Clock

[**199.**] Messrs: Oliver Tileston & May a Commee. on the application of Michael Kenard for liberty to build a Bakers Oven at his House near Leveret Street West Boston, Reported that the situation was suitable for that purpose, & that the Neighborhood were destitute of such an accommodation—whereupon Voted, that the request of Mr. Kennard be granted so far as the Board approve of the proposed situation for a Bake house, provided ye. Building shall be made conformable to Law—

Upon a requisition of the Honble. Thomas Dawes Esq Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, that the Inquisition be made into the circumstances of Mr. Mock represented as a Person Non Compos—the Board made return that the said William was incapable to take care of his property, & that a Guardian ought to be appointed for him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 29. 1804 A: M. Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston Oliver Wright May, Chapman—

Passed upon other Accounts—

Jurymen for Supreme J. Court & entred in Jury Books—

A complaint was made by a number of Gentlemen against Edwards Robins Owner of several Hackney Carriages for abusive conduct on the Night of 23d. Inst. at the Assembly House in

Court Street—ordered that prosecution be commenced against said Robins for driving a Carriage at that time without any number, & that he be notified to appear at the next Meeting of the Board—the aforegoing passed at a Meeting the 26 Ins^{t}—

Voted, that a Warrant be issued for a March Meeting on the 12 March next—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1. 1804 a special Meeting Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Oliver, Hunnewell May, Wright Chapman

This Meeting was called to consider the Bill now pending before the General Court for incorporating certain Persons with powers to build a new Street from Rainsford Lane to [**200.**] the Town Land in the possession of Capt. Curtis—The Bill was read & considered & the Board were of opinion that the Towns Rights were sufficiently guarded therein—& recommend that security should be required of the Persons to be incorporated, that they should carry the propos'd work into effect—

The Comm^{ee}. upon the Town & County concerns presented their report & requested that the same might be distributed immediately & a Town Meeting called for the consideration thereof before the March Meeting—whereupon

Voted, to postpone the Meeting for the choice of Town Officers to Monday the 19. Ins^{t}—and signed a Warrant for Town Meeting to consider the Report of the Comm^{ee} on the County & Town Government to Assemble on Monday the 12 Ins^{t}—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 7. 1804—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright Chapman,

Jurors drawn to make up deficiencies in last choice and entred in the Jury Books—

M^{r}. Hammond appeared upon the subject of altering the line of the front of his Store on Market Square—the Chairman & M^{r}. Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to wait on M^{r}. Codman who is confined to his house to confer with him upon the subject & Report his objections—

M^{r}. Edward Robins appeared agreable to notice & undertook to Justify his conduct with his carriage on the night of the 23^{d}. Feby. it was agreed to defer the decision on this subject, untill the parties had been heard thereon together—to Morrow 12. o.'Clock was Assigned for the purpose, & M^{r}. Nazro was directed to Notify the Parties to meet at that time, & also M^{r}. Seth Cole as witness—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 8. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch Oliver Wright, May, Chapman—

The Parties on the case of Edmund Robins appear'd & were fully heard, also Seth Cole & Mr. Stevens two Witnesses— [**201.**] when it appeared that the complaint was well founded whereup[on]—Voted, That the Licenses of Hackney Carriages No. 18. 21. & 23 the property of said Robins be annulled from this date to the 1st. of May next, conformable to the powers vested in the Board—

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Codman Reported that they had seen him, & that he objected to Mr. Hammonds being allowed to advance any part of his Building into the Street upon this principle—that the whole of said Street & Wharff was originally the property of the Persons under whom he holds his property on the Dock—that by proscription & long use, the part in front of Mr. Hammonds Store has become high way; but that in case it should be put to any private use, it ought to revert to the Representatives of the original Owners— Some general conversation ensued with Mr. Hammond upon the subject & various propositions were made, when it was agreed to postpone the decision to the next Meeting—

Deacon Bayley & Henderson late Collectors having produced reciepts from the State County & Town Treasurers that they had paid to them respectively the amount of the Warrants of the tax of 1801—given them to Collect—the Town Clerk was directed to deliver them their Bonds—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 14t. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Tilden, May,

Mr. Asa Hammond the Owner of the old Ware house at the Corner of the Town Dock on Market Square (late Fayrweather) having some time since applied to the Selectmen for liberty to advance the No. East Corner of the new Building which he purposes to erect—The Board took the subject into consideration, after several conferences with Mr. Hammond & full enquiry into the antient Records & Deeds respecting the bounds of the high way—they were unanimously of opinion that it would be for the advantage of the Town to straighten the line of the Street on [**202.**] Market Square—and therefore agreed with Mr. Hammond on the following propositions—

1st. That upon condition of his building a new Brick front to the Store of Mr. Andrew Newell, the same to be carried back to make a straight line with James Williams Store; that his new Building should range from the South west corner of Newells

Wall, after it should be so removed to a point three feet in advance of the present North West Corner—that Mr. Hammond should indemnify the Town from any expence for Newells new front, & for the Land taken from him with the Street except the sum of one hundred dollars, which it is agreed to allow for the extra expence of a new foundation

2nd. That in case Mr. Hammond should find it impracticable to alter the front of Newells Store, then the line of the new Building shall be carried back two feet on the So. West corner to run to the North west corner of the present Building, & that the land thereon with the Street by the alteration of his front he should be compensated by the Town agreable to the award of three disinterested Persons to be mutually chosen

Mr. Patrick Gorman Licensed as an Auchtioneer—

Approved & signed the Indentures of Philip Hamlin a Minor to Peter Balard to be in force untill the 6t. of August 1807—

Examined & passed upon Mr. Trott the Hay Weighers Accounts to January last—Ordered the neat amount of the proceeds of the Scales for the Year past to be paid to the Town Treasurer

On application of the Commee. of the new North society, they are allowed to make use of the North Reading School of Evenings for the Instruction of their singers in psalmody—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21. 1804—Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston Oliver, Hunnewell May Wright Chapman—

[**203.**] This being the first Meeting of the Board since the Town Meeting for choice of Town Officers, a general conversation ensued upon the propriety of organizing the Board by coming to the choice of a Chairman for the Year—when it was unanimosly agreed that every public body had a right to form its own rules & regulations, and that it was adviseable to adopt the ancient practise of choosing a Chairman

The ballots being taken it appeared that seven Votes were for Charles Bulfinch Esq

A Warrant was signed for a Town Meeting for choice of Govenor Lieut. Governor & Senators according to law—

Mr. Oliver was desired to apply to Revd. Dr. Parker to request him to open the Town Meeting with prayer—

M^r^. Newell to have the printing of the Notifications for Town Meeting—

The following Advertisement was directed to be inserted by the Chairman in the Papers to be signed by him—

List of Voters.

The Selectmen hereby inform their Fellow Citizens, that in pursuance of a law of this Commonwealth there are posted up at Faneuil Hall & at the Office of Board of Health, complete copies of the corrected list of persons qualified to Vote in the choice of Governor L^t^. Governor, Senators & Representatives in the General Court & Representatives in Congress—

Notice is also given that the Selectmen will be in Session at their room from the hours of 12 to 1. every day previous to the Election & from the hours of 9 to 11. on the morning of the 2^d^. Day of April next, previous to the Election of Governor &^c^— for the purpose of receiving evidence of the qualification of Persons whose names have not been entred in the lists published—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 26. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Porter Tileston Wright May Hunnewell Chapman

[**204.**] Passed upon Accounts—

On application being made from a number of Persons of the West Boston religious Society, praying that M^r^. Low might be restored to the Office of Funeral Porter—the Chairman & Deacon Wright were desired to state in Writing the charges against M^r^. Low & which had induced the Board to remove him—& to communicate them to the Comm^ee^. of that Church, to be laid before the applicants

M^r^. Christopher Marshall having produced Receits from the State County & Town Treasurers for the Sums given him to Collect in the Tax of 1801—the Town Clerk is directed to deliver M^r^. Marshall his Bonds for that Year—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright Chapman, Oliver, May, Tilden, Hunnewell,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Ordered that Notifications be posted & distributed for a Meeting of the Wards on Wednesday the 4th of April, for the choice of Assistant Assessor—M^r^. Newell to Print the Notifications—

The Chairman was desired to furnish Each of the presiding Officers of the Ward Meetings with a printed Extract of the Law, directing the choice of Assessors—

The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Chapman a Commee. on the application of Mr. Thomas Godfrey, to determine & mark out the line on which the front of his new Building on Fish Street shall stand; & to view the adjoining Buildings & to Report what is expedient to be done for the further widening of that Street—the same Committee were also desired to view the Alley leading from Fish Street to Middle Street near Dr. Clarks, to consider what measures are advisable relative to the widening that Alley, as requested by a number of the Neighbourhood—

[**205.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 3 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Wright Chapman, Hunnewell

The Board met on the special request of the Gentlemen concerned in the new proposed Bridge to Dorchester to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on the 9t. of April next—to consider on what terms the Town will consent that they shall have the Land in Orange Street now occupied by Capt. Nathl. Curtis, for the purpose of building the proposed Bridge therefrom—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 11t. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Tilden, May, Chapman,

Messrs: Smith & Ellis having applied for liberty to fill up that part of Bennet Street between the present capsill & the proposed new Street called Front Street, It is agreed by the Selectmen that they may have liberty to fill up the said Street continuing the Drain, or Common Sewer, under the direction of this Board, but that the Town shall not be at any expence for the same, agreably to the 7 Section of the act incorporating certain persons for building said Front Street.—it is also determined by the Board that the Common Sewer must be at the least 2 feet in the clear & covered with roughing Timber—and Mr. Porter Tileston & Oliver are a Committee to inspect the above work

The Chairman Mr. Wright & Mr. Chapman a Committee to consider & Report a System for the effectual execution of the By Laws of the Town—

The Town at a late Meeting having agreed to release to William Phillips Esq. a right to a strip of Land near Water Street & having empower'd the Selectmen to appoint Referrees to determine the value thereof have agreed to request the following Gentlemen to act as Referrees—Samuel Brown William Sherburne & William Smith Esquires— sent

An application made by M^{r}. Daniel Hastings & Joseph Newell requesting that the Board would agree to Referrees to apprise a strip of land formerly given in to the Street east of Faneuil Hall in front of their Stores, or that they may be allowed to cover the said Land with their proposed new Buildings—

[**206.**] Voted, that the Chairman be desired to inform the Applicants that the Board consider the present line of the point of those Stones to have been laid out & determined by ye Persons who built them about 30 years since, & that they thereby relinquished for public use & their own accommodation all lands in front of that line—the Board therefore cannot consent to any new Buildings being advanced forward of the present front, nor make any allowance for land formerly added to the Street by the Owners—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 18th; 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, May, Chapman,

On the application of M^{r}. Godfrey—the Chairman M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to enquire into the expence of taking off the two Houses south of M^{r}. Godfreys land in Fish Street & to Report—

The Board had a conference with Messrs. Mason & Otis relative to the Towns Land in Orange Street, where they purpose to build the new Bridge to Dorchester—after conversing on the subject the Board agreed to meet & proceed to view the said land in Orange Street to morrow 12—o.'Clock

The Comm^{ee}. on the subject of the execution of the By-Laws reported; which Report was considered, & referred for further consideration to the next Meeting—

The Chairman M^{r}. Hunnewell Oliver Tileston & Wright a Comm^{ee}. to view the Cellar wall now laying on Deacon Bates Lot in Essex Street, bottom of Short Street—& that the said Comm^{ee}. be empower'd to alter the line of said Cellar—and to Agree with Deacon Bates respecting the same

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25, 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, May, Hunnewell,

The Board agreed to allow M^{r}. Asa Hammond the sum of $200—upon his engaging to comply with the proposal made to him the 14^{t}. of March last as recorded—respecting [probably referring to the next paragraph commencing at "the improvement of the Street, etc."]

[**207.**] [sic] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25. 1804 Present Messrs: the improvement of the Street on the East side of Faneuil—Hall—

The Comm^{ee}. to fix the line of Essex Street—Reported that they had examined the situation of the Street & of the Land adjacent and had agreed with Deacon Bates that Essex Street should be 35-$\frac{2}{3}$ feet wide from the Corner of his House in Short Street to the opposite Corner, and that M^{r}. Bates had agreed to remove his Cellar Wall on the proposed line, free of expence to the Town—

The Selectmen having visited the Towns Land in Orange Street to determine the position of the new Bridge—the subject was considered with respect to the most advantageous disposal of the land—M^{r}. Bulfinch Tilden & Oliver were chosen a Comm^{ee}. to confer with Deacon Brown & M^{r}. Tuckerman relative to continuing the cross street, westerly with Cambridge Bay—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 3^{d}. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell May Wright Chapman

Passed upon Accounts—

The Referrees chosen to estimate the value of the Towns Land in Water Street; having given in their Award—the Board proceeded to execute a Deed of said Land to William Phillips Esq & received from him the sum of 2611 Dollars & an obligation to maintain the water course for ever—as on file & recorded in the Town Record

Agreably to law the Board proceeded to make choice of two Sealers of Weights & measures—the Votes being taken—M^{r}. Richard Austen & M^{r}.—Green, were declared to be chosen—and their Districts to be the same as last Year

A number of the Claimants of the Dock at the bottom of Butlers Row, having signed their Quit Claims to the Dock & Wharves adjacent, so far as may be necessary to form a Street to lead from Butlers Row to Greens Wharff—the Board came to a resolution to all[ow] 300 Dollars towards filling up the same, provided M^{r}. Parkman will consent to effect the object, & satisfy M^{r}. Bray for his Land, which will be taken for the Street on Greens Wharff

[**208.**] The Chairman M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to carry the above Resolution to effect—The same Comm^{ee}. were desired to view the Land in Merchants Row belonging to D^{r}.

Eckley, to confer with him respecting the front line of his new Building, to consider the most suitable direction for said front line & to Report—

A Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for choice of Representatives—and the Business of May Meeting

M^r^. Tileston & M^r^. Chapman a Comm^ee^. to wait on the Rev^d^. M^r^. Baldwin to request him to open the Meeting with Prayer—

M^r^. Newell to have the printing of Notifications for said Meeting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 6th. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Wright—

Rev^d^. M^r^. Baldwin being absent on a Journey the Chairman & M^r^. Oliver, a Comm^ee^. to request M^r^. Freeman to open the ensuing Town Meeting with prayer—

The Chairman was desired to insert an Advertizement in the Papers for those Persons who wish for the Office of Constables the ensuing Year to send written applications, on or before Wednesday the 16^t^. Inst. and that time is assign d for coming to the choice of Constables—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell, May Wright Chapman—

A number of Persons approved as Inholders & Retailers

On the spplication of a number of the Inhabitants of Pearl Street, praying that the said Street should be paved; it was agreed that the Chairman should inform the Gentlemen who apply, that the Board could take no measures for paving that Street [**209.**] Untill a good & sufficient Common Sewer should be laid in that whole length of the Street, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen—

On the application of Richard Jaques, for liberty to open cleanse & repair the Common Sewer in Hanover Street Ordered, that he notify all the Proprietors of said Common Sewer or whose Drains enter therin: to appear on or before Wednesday next, to show cause why such repairs should not be undertaken and the expence assessed on them in general according to law

Proceeded to draw 4 Grand Jurors & 6 Petit Jurors for the next Circuit Court—

The Board came to the choice of an Orator for 4t. of July next, being the Anniversary of American Independance when Dr. Thomas Danforth was unanimously chosen, and the Chairman was desired to communicate the choice to him—

The Chairman informed the Board that he had conversed with the present Owners of Copps hill, with a view to engage the refusal thereof to the Town, & had secured the right of purchase at twenty thousand Dollars; this subject was fully considered—the Board finding that a decision must be had immediately & a payment of $5000—must be made the next Day, which the treasurer was not able to meet—and also considering that they were not authorized by the Town to make the purchase but must do it on their own risque to be afterwards approved by the Town, it was unanimously determined to proceed no further in the business at present—Mr. Cotting who has the next right of refusal, having agreed that in case he should purchase the Hill, the Selectmen should have the disposal of the Ground into Streets free of Expence & might retain any part for the use of the Town at the same rate which the whole should be procured by him

The following Report was made by the Committee upon the more effectual execution of the By Laws—

The Committee Report that the Board of Selectmen is empowered by law to appoint a Super Intendent of Police [**210.**] and as many Assistants as the Office may be found to require, and to give to each of them such pay as compensation as may be Judged Just & reasonable—

The Commee. therefore propose that the Board should make choice of a Superintendent as the Law directs, with powers & duties therein specified

That one Person of respectable character should be appointed Assistant Police Officer, whose duty it should be to notice all breaches of the By-Laws & of the State Laws made for the special regulation of this Town, & make Report Dayly in Writing to the Super Intendent of all such trespasses

That upon complaint regularly made by the Assistant, the Super Intendent should issue his Warrant against the offender for the amount of the fine required by law, which Warrant shall be served by a Constable, who shall receive the lawful fees for such service, from the Person against whom the warrant has issued: and in case such Person shall deny the charge against him or shall refuse to pay the fine & fee of service—the Superintendent shall then proceed to prosecute the Offender—

That the Superintendent shall keep a Record of all Warrants & prosecutions issuing from his office, & an exact account of all monies received for fines or upon Bills of costs which shall be appropriated to defrey the expence of the Office—

This Report having been repeatedly considered & corrected as above was accepted & the Board proceeded to appoint Charles Bulfinch Esq. and Mr. John W. Folsom Assistant for the Year ensuing—with a Salary of $600 to the former & $500—to the latter—

The Chairman was desired to prepare an Address to the Public, stating the above arangement—

The application for the Office of Constables was read & further proceeding thereon referred to next Wednesday—

[**211.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen May 23d 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman,

On the application of Mr. Jacob Eustis, the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Sudbury [Street] were ordered to be Notified to appear on Wednesday next to state their objections to the same being repaired, & the expence assessed generally according to law—

Upon the application of William Phillips Esq. it was agreed, that he should have liberty to remove the Water course from the place it now occupies in the Land lately sold him by the Town upon condition that he shall at his own expence continue another Water course from Water Street, to the passage way which leads from Kilbey Street to Congress Street, thence through the same passage way to the Common Sewer, or sufficient outset in Kilby Street, the same to be made of the dimentions or not less than the same to be removed, and that he shall contract in writing to maintain the same in repairs for ever—and also shall add three feet in width to the said Passage way thro.' the whole extent of his Land, making the passage way eighteen feet wide—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28th. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Chapman, Hunnewell,

Passed upon Accounts—

A letter was received from Joseph Greenleaff Esq relating several charges against Messrs: Twist & Joy, two of the Constables they being present, were questioned respecting the subject & were allowed to Justify themselves & produced witnesses to confirm their assertions

The opinion of the Board was taken respecting the By-Law which forbids the use of two Horses to a Cart—when it was determined that the law did not allow more than two Horses except on special occasions, and that the Superintendent & Office of Police be instructed to give permission for the use of a greater number when circumstances shall in their opinion require it

Mr. John Gammell was chosen to collect the Cow Tax for the present Year to be allowed 1/3d. of what he shall Collect for his services

On the request of Mr. Bradlee, it was agreed [**212.**] that in building a new Fence on his Land in the Passage way leading from Elm Street to Brattle Square, he should have liberty to make the Southerly part of the Fence in a curve line to extend from the North west Corner of his House so as to advance into the Street 11 Inches at the point where the present Fence makes an internal angle—

see Minutes–July 13. 1803

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 6. 1804 Present Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston Oliver, Wright, Chapman,

The following division of the Board was made into Committees for directing the paving in the several parts of the Town—

Mr. Porter Mr. Oliver & Mr. Wright for Marlborough Street Newbury, Orange & Washington Street, likewise all Streets West & East to the Southward of Liberty Tree—

Deacon Tilden and Mr. Tileston, the Streets Eastward of the above in Ward No. 10—

Colo. May & Mr. Chapman all the Streets below the Bridges—

The Chairman & Mr. Hunnewell, the Streets in the other part of the Town—

An Instrument was signed by the Selectmen & William Phillips Esq. by which he conditions to build & forever maintain a Water course from the Drain in Water Street, which crosses land of Jonathan Fowle through the 15th. Passage Way by his land to Kilby Street Common Sewer—and the Board allows him to remove the old Water course from the land lately sold him by the Town—Mr. Phillips also agrees to add three feet in width to the passage way as far as his land thereon stands—Memo. the Deed in Suffolk Records of this date—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8, 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Wright Chapman, May, Oliver, Hunnewell

The present Meeting being assigned for the choice of Constables, it was Agreed, that the number for the present Year [**213.**] should not exceed twelve—and that each one should give Bond as the Law directs in the sum of one thousand dollars with two Sureties to the satisfaction of the Board—

The Votes being taken, the following Persons were chosen & the Persons whose names are annexed were approved as Sureties

(sworn Thomas Stevenson—Sureties,	Dudley Walker
	William Richardson
(sworn Amos Lewis - - - - -	Thomas Lewis
	Joshua Ellis
Elisha Copeland - - - -	Abraham Gibson
	John Perry
Cornelius Fuller - - - -	William Jennings
	Peter McIntosh
(sworn) Moses Thayer - - - - -	Nath[l]. Frothingham
	Asa Hatch—
(sworn) Samuel White - - - -	Eben[r]. Clough
	Abraham Babcock
sworn Jirah Holbrook - - - - -	Edward Staples
	Jonathan Merry
(sworn) Henry Lane - - - - -	Whiting
	Danforth
(sworn) Solomon Twist - - - -	Jonas Twist
	Moses Gardner
(sworn) Levy Joy - - - - - -	Edward Wentworth
	Joseph Bennet—

(sworn) John Deverel, his Bondsmen may be seen entred June 20—Mess[rs]: Perkins Nichols
R: G. Shaw—

Application was made by the Owners of Trucks, praying that the regulations of the weights to be carried on Trucks should be considered as to allow them to carry two hogsheads at one time—this subject was fully debated, & it was determined to adhere to the principle upon which the By Law appears to have been framed—viz[t].—that all Articles capable of a division should be carried in loads, not exceeding one Ton & other Articles in crates or packages as would come nearest to the Ton weight—

And to avoid uncertainty with respect to such articles & to favor the business of that class of Inhabitants [**214.**] as much as possible, it was agreed that the following should be considered as loads to be authorized & allowed by the Super Intendent of Police—

6 Chests of Tea	40 Bushells of Salt
11 bbls. Flour	9 Barrels of Tar or
8 d[o]. Beef or Pork	other Naval Stores

6 Caskes Pot Ashes
7 ditto Pearl Ashes
6 Boxes Sugar
2 hhds: Molasses
2 d°. Rum Wine
" " Brandy—
2 d°. Salt Fish
5 half hhds: Wine
4 Casks of Rice
252 Gallons of Oil
2 hhds: of Sugar or
2 d°. of Tobacco
if not exceeding (200–each

Application was made by a number of the Owners of Carts praying that they may be allowed to use three Horses to draw their Carts with Wood & other Articles, in conformity to the By Law which empowers the Selectmen to grant such liberty upon special application—

The subject was considered & debated and it was Voted, That it was not expedient to grant a general permission as requested, but that the Super Intendent & Assistent should give special licenses on such occasion as in their Judgement should be necessary & proper—

Mr. Joseph Robinson allowed to build a Bake House in Essex Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 13. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell Wright May Chapman,

A request was received from the Proprietors of the Wells & Pumps in Spring Lane that the Town would bear a proportion of the repairs that are now wanted on the Well as the Spring is of very general use in that Neighbourhood—After conversation on this subject, it was agreed that as the Town had never borne any part of such expence, it must still be considered at the charge of the Proprietors subject to ye. regulation [**215.**] of the By-Law—It was ordered that the Town Pump in Corn hill being now gone to decay & incommoding the public passage in that Street should be removed, & the Street paved over the Well, removing an opening to be covered with flat Stone, sufficient to introduce a suction hose in case of fire—

Mr. Chapman a Commee. to confer with Mr. Goodwin the Agent of Mr. Ingersol who is the Owner of a House near the head of Moons Wharff in Fish Street, upon the terms on which part of said House may be taken down to widen the Street, & to obtain an estimate of the expence—

Mr. Morrill Guardian to the Heirs of Linel [Lendall] Pitts having objected to the filling up the Dock at the bottom of Butlers Row, a plan of said Dock & the Stores of Mr. Pitts & Heirs was exhibited & a Copy of the Deed from Butler to Bowdoin

in 1718. after considering the same it was Voted that great part of the Dock discribed in the deed having been filled many years since by the Abuttors for their own convenience, & a major part of the Claimants for the remainder having relinquished to the Town by Deed, all right to the part proposed to be filled—that the Comm^ee^. be authorized to proceed to fill the same to form a Street from Butlers Row to Greens Wharff upon the conditions formerly offered to M^r^. Parkman & which he has agreed to—

Application was received from the Proprietors of the new Brick Stores at the head of the Long Wharff requesting liberty to place gates at the east & west ends of the passage way back of their Stores to prevent the filth & dirt being brought & placed there in the night—which being considered it was determined, that the entrance of that passage way belonged to the Proprietors of the long Wharff, & that the application be referred to them—

On representation from the Board of Health that the Common Sewer in Newbury Street was clogged & required cleaning & repairs—Orders that the Proprietors be notified to appear on or before Wednesday next to enter their objections

[**216.**] Benjamin Sumner Esq Town Treasurer proposed for his Bondsmen Mess: Samuel Sumner Jon^th^. Balch Josiah Snelling Joseph Loring & Benjn. Jepson—the same are approved & the Town Clerk is directed to prepare a Bond in the Sum of sixty thousand Dollars—

A Billet was recived from James Bowdoin Esq Chairman of a Comm^ee^. to request the use of Faneuil Hall for a public Dinner on the 4^t^. of July next—It was agreed to grant the request of the Gentlemen & the Chairman was desired to return the same answer which was sent the last Year as Recorded in the proceedings of the 25. April

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May Chapman—

Upon viewing the wall of the cellar now building by M^r^. Hammond on Market Square, some doubts arose respecting his compliance with the spirit of the agreement with the Board as on record March 14th. last—The Votes of that date express that the new front line shall be from the South west corner of Newells wall to a point 3 feet in advance to the northwest corner of the old Store—Upon making an accurate survey it is found that the described line would take off from M^r^. Hammond & M^r^. Newell 6 feet 3 Inches instead of 2 feet or thereabouts which was M^r^. Hammonds proposition & what he thought to be the interest of the Board upon which his estimates & his contracts with Newell

had been made—after fully considering the subject it was determined by the Members present that the above bounden line would take off from Mr. Hammonds & Mr. Newells Land more than was expected, owing to the curve line of the Street, & that Mr. Hammond be allowed to build his brick wall upon the present foundation, to carry it as far back as the inside face of the Wall so that the front should be 2–4. or 2–6 inches from his Ancient line—

[**217.**] Mr. John Deverel proposed Messrs: Perkins Nichols & Mr. R. G. Shaw as his Bondsmen in his office of Constable which were approved—

Meeting for choice of Jurymen adjourned to Wednesday next to fill up any vacancies—Jurors chosen entred on the Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen June 25. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Wright Chapman, May,

Passed upon Accounts—

Warrant issued for a Town Meeting the 20th. Inst. being the 4t. of July next the Anniversary of American Independence to meet at Faneuil Hall at 9 O Clock—

Bells to be rung in the Morning of the 4t. of July next from the hour of 6. untill 7. o'Clock—

Six Constables are to be appointed, for the preserving good order in the Common,—and at the Meeting House on that Day—

The Town Clerk directed to deliver up to Mr. Sumner his Bonds as Treasurer & Collector, for the Year 1803. he having fulfilled the conditions of the same—

Deacon Tilden informed the Board that Mr. Ebenr. Cloften had been chosen Sexton of the old Brick Church, and that the Society requested, he might be licensed as a Funeral Porter which was agreed to—

On application by Deacon Wright similar to the above Mr. Parsons Sexton to the Federal Street Society, was licensed as a Funeral Porter—

Messrs: Tilden Oliver & Hunnewell a Commee. to confer with the Proprietors of South Bridge, respecting the terms on which they may have part of the Towns Land on Orange Street to build their Bridge therefrom—

Josiah Knap Esq applied that measures might be taken to continue the Towns Water Course which leads from Orange Street to the Sea, further East untill it shall pass through the new Street & head wall now building a Comm^ee^. having viewed the place [**218.**] & directed the course in which it should be laid, & M^r^. Knap producing an estimate of the expence, it was agreed to allow 150 Dollars towards such expence, being about one half of the estimate, the remainder to be paid by M^r^. Knapp the Drain to be made 4 feet by 4½ in the clear to be well & substantially done to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, & to be forever after maintained in Repair by said Knapp & his heirs &^c^.—they to have the privilege of using the ground above the said Drain in any such way as not to prevent the Towns having free access to it should occasion require

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27, 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Tileston Oliver Wright Chapman Hunnewell.

Passed upon other Accounts

James Sumner Junr. was approved as a Deputy Collector of Taxes under the Town Treasurer & Collector—the Town Clerk is directed to prepare a Bond from him to the Inhabitants of the amount of $5000—Benjamin Sumner George Homer & Thomas How Sureties—

M^r^. Hunnewell & M^r^. Tileston a Comm^ee^. to confer with M^r^. Curtis on the terms on which he will relinquish the lease of whole or part of the Towns Land now in his possession the same Comm^ee^. is empower'd to settle with Capt. Curtis the terms of such release, and to inform the Comm^ee^. upon the subject of the Bridge—

The Comm^ee^. on the Bridge reported several propositions from the Proprietors of terms on which the Bridge should be brought to the Towns land—the same were read & considered, and the Comm^ee^. were impowered to grant to the Proprietors 40 feet in width of the Towns land on the South line provided a suitable agreement can be made with Capt. Curtis to release the same, & that the Bridge Proprietors will fill up the whole of the Flatts on the Towns Land—to the East side of Front Street & make a Stone head—for which it is agreed to pay them one thousand Dollars when the same shall be completed

[**219.**] Boston ss: At a special Meeting of the Selectmen July 5. Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston, Oliver Wright Chapman

The Comm^ee^. on the subject of the Bridge landing Report^d^. that they had met & had conferred with the Comm^ee^. of the Proprietors

& offered them the terms proposed at the last Meeting which they would not consent to, but proposed the following—That the Proprietors of the Bridge should fill up the whole of the Flatts before the Towns land to the east side of Front Street & should build a sufficient Stone head & secure the land sufficiently on the South line—that the Town should bear one half of the expence of the above, and lay out a Street 40 feet wide from Orange Street to the Bridge & give as much of the flatts belonging to the Town as may be wanted to build a Wharff upon the dimensions & in the situation required by the Act of Incorporation of the South Bridge Proprietors—

This *proposal* having been considered was agreed to on condition that the Town should not be called upon for its proportion of the expence untill the work should be completed to the satisfaction of Selectmen—the former Comm^{ee}. was desired to communicate the above resolution, and to attend to the drawing the lines of the Street through the Towns Land—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 11. 1804
Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, Chapman

A special Meeting warned on the application of M^{r}. Silas Field—that he may be appointed an Auchtioneer of this Town—referred

Voted, that M^{r}. Saml. Rogers Sexton of the North Church, be appointed to the care of the North Burying Ground, that he be enjoined to keep the Ground in good order, and to permit no Graves to be dug by any one without his directions—

M^{r}. Hastings having commenced the building of the Cellar wall of his Store opposite the East end of Faneuil-hall, about 4 feet in advance of the present front of his Wooden Store, the Chairman was desired to inform M^{r}. Hastings, that the Board considered the present [**220.**] line of his front as the true line of the Street on which the new Building should be erected, and to see the Cellar wall carried back accordingly—

At a special Meeting of the whole Board on the 7th. Ins^{t}. the Comm^{ee}. which was appointed to fix the landing of the S^{o}. Bridge on the Towns land Reported—That in drawing the lines for the direction of the Bridge to the South side of the land, the Street would cross the land diagonally, and divide it to great disadvantage; they had therefore suspended the work of the decision of the bounds—Deacon Brown & Capt. Curtis were present & communicated verbally their propositions—after full consideration of the subject it was determined that it would be a great injury to the value of the Towns land to attempt to carry the Street from Orange Street to Front Street in a perfectly straight line with the

Bridge, and that y^e^. Street should be laid out 40 feet wide thro.' the Centre of the Towns Land, which would occasion a small bend at the Bridge on Front Street—Orders were accordingly given to the Workmen to drive their piles conformable to the above.

At y^e^. present Meeting a billet was received from Captain Curtis & Deacon Brown stating proposals for carrying the new Street on a straight direction—and the Chairman communicated the verbal request & application of many of the Inhabitants of the South part of the Town for the same—a plan of the Street & Bridge was exhibited, & the subject maturely considered, when it was determined that the Bridge should be continued in the direction last fixed upon, and that the Street might be carried in future either through the Centre of the Towns Land, or to come to the North Corner of Deacon Browns as should be thought best, when the whole flatts should be filled.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen July 18. 1804—Present Messrs: Porter Bulfinch, Tileston, Chapman, Oliver, Tilden, May, Wright,

Messrs: Porter, Hunnewell & Oliver a Comm^ee^. on Nassau Street, to view the S^o^. East Corner where its propos'd to place a new Building—to consider whether any encroachments has been made on the Street & the expediency of widening the same

[221.] On application from N. North Society p a Comm^ee^. permission is granted to make use of the Central Reading School for the instruction of the Members of their Society in Psalmody, on any Evenings when it is not previously engaged for other Societies—

Approved of the Indentures of Thomas Graves a Minor to Capt. Thomas Appleton, to expire the 25th Decem^r^. 1809—

A plan of Ground near Fort hill was exhibited shewing its connection with the Towns Land & the proposed direction of several new Streets—the same was viewed & the subject considered & the Chairman M^r^. Tilden & M^r^. Wright a Comm^ee^. to confer with M^r^. Cotton the Owner of the Land, and to lay out such Streets as to them shall appear to be for the public convenience & for the benefit of the Towns Land—

A Communication was received from the Board of Health, stating that they wished to build a platform from the end of Leverett Street into Charles River for the purpose of emptying the Night Carts—Voted, that this Board had no objection to the using of the Towns Slip at the West end of Leveret Street for that purpose—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen June 25. 1804—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Hunnewell, Chapman

Town Meeting for choice of Jurymen, is adjourned for a fortnight to fill such vacancies as might happen—Jurors chosen entred in Jury Book—

Application received from the Comm^{ee}. of arrangem^{ts} in honor of the late General Hamilton—the following answer was agreed upon To the Chairman of the Comm^{ee}. of arrangements
Sir—Agreeable to your wish I have laid your billet before the Selectmen wherein you request, in behalf of the Comm^{ee} of Arrangements that they would direct the Bells to be tolled on Thursday at the time of the procession—I am directed by the Board to inform you, that they decline acting on this occasion in any manner which would implicate the Town, & therefore cannot consent to your request—the services of the Constables may be obtained without orders from the Selectmen—

Your most obedient Serv^{ts}—

[**222.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29 Present Bulfinch Tilden, Porter Tileston, Hunnewell Oliver, Wright, Chapman,

Passed upon Accounts—

On a requisition from the Honble. Thomas Dawes Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk—that inquisition might be made into the circumstances of Abraham French, represented as a distracted Person—Certificate was made to the Judge of Probate, that he was incapable of taking care of himself, & it was recommended that a Guardian be appointed for him

On application from a number of Persons of the South part of the Town, M^{r}. Enoch May has liberty to place a Box for the Sale of Fish, at the Slip in Castle Street—

[**223.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Augt. 1. Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter Oliver, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman,

Passed upon other Accounts—

The Committee to view the entrance of Nassau Street Report^{d}. that it was expedient to widen the same, & for that purpose to take down part of the Wooden Store belonging to M^{r}. Edward Johnson—M^{r}. Johnson was present and after conferring with the Board on the subject, it was agreed that General Winslow M^{r}. Paul Richards & M^{r}. Nathl. Bradlee should be requested to estimate the damage that M^{r}. Johnson would sustain by part of his land & building being taken to widen the Street—

The Selectmen having taken into consideration the applications of those who were licensed as Auchtioneers the last Year, that they might be licensed, the present Year—approved of the Persons hereunder named,—Viz^{t}.—

Messrs: Samuel Clap
Thomas K. Jones
Samuel Bradford
Robert Gardner
Thomas Clark
John W. Quincy
William Alline
Azor Archibold
Daniel Wild
Robert G. Shaw
Samuel Blagge
Benjamin Tucker
Lewis Hoyt—
Cornelius Coolidge
John Swett
Samuel Bridge
Joseph Ripley
Caleb Hayward
Stoddard Capen
[224.] Phillip Ammadon
William Dehone
[William] Remington
John Badger
Eber Lawrence
Richard Edwards
William Leveret
John Kennedy—
John Jutau

see August 27th—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 8. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Chapman,

The Common Sewer at the North end of Battery—March Street, being represented out of repair, M^{r}. Abraham Quincy having notified all the Proprietors, has liberty to open & repair the same—

M^{r}. Nathaniel Emmes applied, that an equitable Assessment may be made upon several Persons who have conducted their Drains into the Common Sewer laid out at his expence in Fish Street in Novem^{r}. 1802—the Names of the Persons are M^{r}. Burchstead, Turel Tuttle, W^{m}. Andrews, Aaron Brown, Mathias Crocker & John C. Howard—The Board having considered this

application, and finding that the said Common Sewer, had been made use of by the Persons above named, who with the former proprietors amounted to ten in number; it was determined that each of the Persons who had lately Join'd this Common Sewer should pay ten dollars to Mr. Nathaniel Emmes for the use of the Old Proprietors, being one tenth part of the cost of the same with Interest—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen August 15. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston Oliver Chapman

Application having been made by Mr. Thomas Amory, for liberty to build a range of Arches under part of Beacon Street Mr. Tilden Porter Oliver Wright & Hunnewell were chosen a Commee. [**225.**] to view the situation & consider the expediency of granting his request—the same Commee., having viewed the Street & reported in favor of Mr. Amorys proposal—It was agreed that Mr. Amory have liberty to build a range of wine & coal vaults, by forming brick arches under Beacon Street, the same not to project more than twelve feet from the northwesterly line of his lot—and upon special condition that he should enter into written engagements to repair the Street that should be dug up to replace the pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, and ever afterwards to maintain the pavement in good order for the whole distance that said Arches should extend, and to the centre of the Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22d. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright,

A Committee from the Firewards attended, and stated to the Board the continual & important services rendered to the Town by the Secretary of the Wards—that the late Building Laws had imposed upon him a great additional duty, which occupied a large portion of his time; and that it was their opinion a salary or some suitable compensation should be given him—after some conversation with the Commee. they withdrew—and it was agreed to postpone the subject for further consideration—

Complaint having been made against the North Watch for improper conduct towards a Person who they were carrying to Prison on the Night of the 15th. Inst.—the Watchmen were present & were examined respecting the circumstances & stated that they had used no other violence than was necessary against their Prisoner who was exceedingly unruly—Mr. Orock was also present, & complained of a blow received from one of the Watchmen—

As it appeared that Mr. Orock had already prosecuted the Watchman before a Justice for an Assault, and had recovered damages,—the Board took no other measures than to caution the

Watch against using unnecessary violence upon any Person they might apprehend in the course of their duty & on no occasion to strike any of the Inhabitants

[226.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 27th. Present Mess: Bulfinch Tileston, Porter, Tilden, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

Several Persons who had been licensed as Auchtioneers the past Year, applied for the renewal of their Licenses—and the following Persons have been approved of as Auchtioneers for the present Year—Vizt—

Messrs: Samuel Clap
Thomas K. Jones
Samuel Bradford
Robert Gardner
John Perkins
Thomas Clark
John W. Quincy
William Aline
Azor Archibold
Daniel Wild
Robert G. Shaw
Samuel Blagge
Nathl. P. Hewes
Benjamin Tucker
Lewis Hoyt
Cornelius Coolidge
John Swett
Samuel Bridge
Joseph Ripley
Caleb Howard
Stoddard Capen
Phillip Ammadon
William Dehone
[William] Remington
Silas Field
Eber Lawrence
Richard Edwards
William Leveret
John Kennedy
John Jutau
Pat Gorman
Benjamin Sweetser
Appleton Prentice
George Carter—
Elisha Field
Sam: Repe Junr.
George Burrows Junr.

[227.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 5th Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright, Chapman, Porter, Oliver,

Jurors drawn for Court of Common Pleas & entred in Jury Book—

A representation was made by M^{r}. Trask Captain of the North Watch of the conduct of David Hendrick one of said Watch, which being considered it was determined that M^{r}. Trask be instructed to dismiss the said Hendrick from the Towns employ as a Watchman—and to return the name of some suitable person to supply his place, for the approbation of the Board—

Appleton Prentiss & George Carter were licensed as Auchtioneers for the Year ensuing— see August 27th.

Meeting for choice of Jurors adjourned to the 12th. Ins^{t}. to fill up any vacancys that shall appear in the list—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 12th—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Hunnewell, Chapman, Wright, Oliver,

Jurors for Circuit Court & other Courts drawn—and the same entred & posted in Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 19. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, May Tileston Hunnewell, Oliver, Wright, Chapman,

Approved of the Indentures of James Nichols to Capt. Samuel Edes Marriner, untill the 20th. of June 1810—

Signed the Indentures of Josiah Knapp, in which he engages to build & keep in repair a Water Course or common Sewer from Orange Street to the East end of Front Street, as on file & recorded in the Town Records—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Sepr. 24. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, May—

Passed upon Accounts

Jurors drawn to make up deficiencies—

[228.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 27 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Chapman Wright

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 3d Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Chapman, Tileston, Wright, Oliver, May,

The Chairman & Mr. Wright a Committee chosen at the last Meeting to obtain legal opinions whether printed Votes might be received at the ensuing election of Electors of President & Vice President Reported—That they had submitted the Question in Writing to the Attorney & Solicitor General & had received their written opinions which were read & are on file—Mr. Austen & Mr. Blake then approved as a Committee from a large number of Inhabitants, to express their wish that speedy information should be given to the public of the determination of the Board that the Voters might prepare themselves accordingly—these Gentlemen having retired the subject was resumed, & the Board came unanimously to the determination, that no printed Votes should be received, & directed the following advertisement to be inserted in all the papers—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston—

Inquiry having [been] made of the Selectmen whether printed Votes would be received at the election of Electors of President & Vice President of the United States on the 5th. of Novemr. next. The Selectmen have esteemed it their duty to refer a subject of this importance to the consideration of the Honble. Attorney & Solicitor General—in consequence of their official opinion the Inhabitants of this Town are thus early informed, that no votes would be received but such as are in writing & delivered by the Voters in person agreably to the following extract from the Law of this Commonwealth passed June 29. 1790—

"And be it further enacted that it shall not be lawful for Selectmen or Assessors of any Town District or Plantation presiding at the meeting of either of the Elections aforesaid to receive any Votes unless delivered in writing, by the voters in person, & the Selectmen or Assessors who shall offend therein shall forfeit & pay a sum not exceeding one hundred Dollars"—

[**229.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen October 8. 1804 A: M: Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May

The Chairman communicated to the Board a letter from the Attorney General stating that the advertizement respecting the Votes to be received implies that the resolution of ye. Selectmen is founded on His official opinion, which he considers an error, as that opinion which was given in writing is of a contrary nature—and wishing that some explanation may be given in the papers—

This subject was considered & various drafts of Advertizements were made to explain as the Attorney General appeared to wish—it was then agreed that the Chairman Mr. Tilden & Mr. Wright should confer with the Solicitor General Mr. Davis & report at 5 P: M:

5 o Clock P: M: The Board met according to Adjourmnt. Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston Oliver Hunnewell May Chapman

The Commee. Reported that they had seen the Attv. & Soliciter General—that Mr. Sullivan was very desirous that his opinion might be explained, that it might appear consistent with what he had given to other persons—the form of an advertizement was reported which would be satisfactory to Mr. Sullivan & was consented to by Mr. Davis,—this was considered & fully debated, but the question being taken was not accepted by the board—after considerable discussion it was proposed to erase the words in the former advertizemt. *in consequence of their official opinion*". and insert "*having received their opinion which differed upon this subject*—the Question being taken, this amendment passed in the affirmative—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 10. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter Tileston, Oliver, May Wright Chapman

A Committee consisting of Mr. Edward Tuckerman, Dr. Spooner, Mr. Benjamin Russell & others attended at the last Meeting to request the use of Faneuil Hall on the Evening previous to the [**230.**] Election on the 5t. of November next—

A Committee consisting of Benjamin Austin Esq Capt. Brazier & James Prince Esq. attended at this Meeting for the same purpose—the applications being considered, it was agreed that the Gentlemen who first applied shall have the use of the Hall on Friday Evening—and the other Gentlemen on the Thursday Evening previous to the 5th. of November—

The attention of the Board was occupied by the subject of lighting the Lamps the ensuing season, it was determined to employ twelve Lighters, who should each consider himself to have the care & lighting of 52 Lamps for the stated pay of 14 Dollars p month—

Boston ss: At a special Meeting of Selectmen Octor. 13 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Oliver, Chapman, May—

In pursuance of a special precept 6 petit Jurors were drawn to serve at the Court of Common Pleas now in Session—and the same are entered & posted in Jury Books

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Octo^{r}. 17. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Porter, Tileston, Wright, Oliver,

A Warrant was signed for Town Meeting the 5th. Day of November next 11. o Clock for choice of Elector of President & Vice President of the United States & for one Member of Congress—

M^{r}. Newell to print the Notifications for ensuing Town Meeting—

Deacon Wright a Committee to wait on Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Channing to open the Meeting with prayer—

The attention of the Board was occupied in considering the most convenient mode of receiving the Votes for Representatives at the ensuing election—after some discussion it was agreed to postpone the subject to Tuesday at Noon—when a special Meeting will be called to determine the question—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 20. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May

The subject of the Meeting being to consider the most [**231.**] convenient mode of handing in, and receiving the Votes for Representative at the ensuing election, the same was fully discussed, after which it was agreed that the following Advertizement, should be inserted in the public papers—

The Selectmen would inform the Inhabitants qualified to Vote at the Election on the 5 day of Novem^{r}. next: that they have deliberated upon the most convenient mode of handing in & receiving the Votes on that Day, & have determined that the vote for Representative in Congress, *shall be written on the same paper with the Votes for Electors*—This mode is the same which was adopted at the last choice of Electors by the People & is conformable to the practise at the election of Governor & Senators in this County. The Inhabitants are desired to conform to this determination and to prepare their Votes accordingly—

M^{r}. Tilden & Wright a Committee to enquire of the Quarter Master General whether he had any powder in his possession belonging to the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 24. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, May—

The Committee to enquire respecting Towns powder Reported that there [were] 1400. Cartridges in the hands of Mr. Burbeck & produced his receipts for them, subject to order of the Board

On a conference with the Brigadeer General it was agreed that the powder for the use of the Militia at the review on the 30 Inst should be delivered to the several majors to be by them distributed to the Captains of the Companie's—

Elisha Field approved as an Auchtioneer—

Approved the Indentures of Mitchell Corne a Minor, to David Corbet Cooper to expire the 3d. of August 1806—

Mr. Hunnewell was desired to procure [a] new Stove for Centre School—

A number of Gentlemen attended, to ask some explanation of the order passed last Meeting respecting the mode of voting, a general conversation ensued, & the Gentlemen requested that the subject might [**232.**] be again considered & liberty granted to bring in the Votes on two papers—upon their retiring, the Board agreed to defer the decision to Fryday next 3. O.' Clock—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 26. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston Oliver Hunnewell Wright May—

The mode of handing in the Votes again considered & fully discussed, & it was agreed to have them on separate papers & the Chairman was desired to advertize the same in the several papers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 29th. 1804 Present Mess Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Wright, Hunnewell, Porter,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 31. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman

Passed upon Accounts—

A Committee consisting of Colo. Perkins Mr. Otis, Dr. Spooner Mr. Benjamin Russell, appeared in behalf of a number of their Fellow Citizens to request that they may [be] indulged with the use of Faneuil Hall on the Sunday Evening immediately preceding the Election; they stated that the same privilege had been granted to Gentlemen who had applied for several years past—the Commee. having withdrawn the question was considered, & after debate it

was agreed to comply with the request—the Chairman was then desired to inform the above Comm^{ee}. of this decision, & also to inform M^{r}. Austin that the Gentleman in whose behalf he had applied might have the use of the Hall on Saturday Evening or any other, previous to the Saturday evening—

A large Comm^{ee}. of the Board having since the last Meeting taken a walk thro'. the Streets on the Hill at West Boston and examined the state of the shops there; the propriety of renewing & granting any licenses for retailing spirituous liquors in Southac Street was considered; when it appeared to be the unanimous opinion of the Board, that it was necessary to prevent the sale of liquors on that hill as soon as the object can be completely effected—But as several persons have already obtained licenses [233.] this Year, & others have been at considerable expence in hiring & filling up their places of business, it was determined to approbate for license—M^{r}. Thomas Darling —Eben^{r}. Bradley Silas Dunham & Mathias March—and that the above named persons & all others who have been licensed on that Street the present Year, be informed that the Selectmen have resolved that no renewal of license shall take place after the 1st. of July next, when they expire by law—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tileston, Oliver Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman,

A proposal from Josiah Knap Esq. was considered in which he offers to complete a Street leading from Orange Street to Front street on the south side of his dwelling house, provided the Town will convey to him that part of the stalls which may not be wanted for the said Street—Agreed to Refer the proposal to the Town at the next Town Meeting—

The Chairman was desired to call a Meeting of the Comm^{ee}. upon the Mill Pond to meet Wednesday next—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 14. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver Wright, Hunnewell May

Complaint was received from the Firewards that the repairs lately made upon the Stable back of Latin School were considered contrary to law—The Chairman was directed to request the Secretary of the Fire Wards to have the Building examined, and if it should be still thought illegal, that it should be altered on any way which the Fire Wards might point out

The Board Adjourned to view a Cellar now digging on High Street, to determine the South line of the same on the Street

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 25. 1804 Present Mess: Tilden Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright, Oliver, Porter, Hunnewell, May

Passed upon Accounts—

[**234.**] Upon application from a Comm^{ee}. of the Wood wharfingers praying for liberty to use three Horses to their Carts during the Winter Season—in consideration of the shortness of the days & the presure of business, & that the Streets would soon be so frozen or covered with Snow, as not to be injured by this license—The Board consented to the above request that three Horses should be allowed to the Carts & Sleds untill the 1st. of March next—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 28. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright,

Approved of the Indentures of Yorick a black Lad, to Capt. Moses Barnard—to expire in Novem^{r} 1804—

Approved of Samuel [Lemuel?] Pope Junr as an Auchtioneer

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 5. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Wright, Chapman, Oliver, Porter

Boston ss: Return having been made by Samuel Hastings Elkanah Cushing & Joel Crosby of the Expence of the repairing the Common Shore in Newbury Street, the Accounts whereof were duly examined by the Selectmen, & by them allowed, they being informed at the same time that every Person concerned in said Common Sewer, had been duly warned according to Law, & no objection having been entred to their proceeding *Assessment* is now made thereon by the Selectmen, and order of payment is now made out which is as follows—Viz^{t}.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer in Newbury Street has been repaired & cleansed conformable to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof, according to a Acco^{t} laid before & examined by the Selectmen amounted to Six hundred & seventy five Dollars 25 Cents, and as such expence is to be born by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them, who are empowered by law to apportion the same—The Applicants having according to law notified all the concerned before they had proceeded on this business, and [**235.**] no objection having been made thereto—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston, do hereby Certify that having considered of said expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid DO ADJUDGE that the same ought to be paid in proportion following, & by the Persons hereafter named—

Samuel Hastings	2	Shares	$28 ,, 32
S Hastings & E. Cushman	1		14 ,, 16
Elkanah Cushman	1		14 ,, 16
Martin Brimmer Estate	2		28 ,, 32
Joel Crosby	1		14 ,, 16
William Wyman	1		14 ,, 16
Josiah Fowle & Wm. Wyman	1		14 ,, 16
Joseph Fowle	1		14 ,, 16
John Rowlstone	1		14 ,, 16
Daniel Messenger	1		14 ,, 16
David Sawyer	1		14 ,, 16
Joel Hager & Thoms. Hill	1		14 ,, 16
John Avery	1		14 ,, 16
Jeremiah Bumstead	1		14 ,, 16
John Langley Sam: Morse Clark & Billings	1		14 ,, 16
John Langley	2		28 ,, 32
Mr. Durivage	1		14 ,, 10
Stephen Thayer	2		28 ,, 32
Moseleys Estate	1		14 ,, 16
Samuel Welles	3		42 ,, 50
Thomas Williams	2		28 ,, 32
Polly Lowder	1		14 ,, 16
John Callahan	1		14 ,, 16
Israel Cook	1		14 ,, 16
Benjamin Green	1		14 ,, 16
Newhill	1		14 ,, 16
Henry Wainwright	1		14 ,, 16
John Haskins	1		14 ,, 16
Widow Russell	1		14 ,, 16
Hannah Row	1		14 ,, 16
Mr. Ray & Robert Hews	1		14 ,, 16
Andrew Cunningham	2		28 ,, 32
Mr. Merret	2		28 ,, 32
[236.] Mr. Sweetser	1		14 ,, 16
John Lucas	1		14 ,, 16
John Jarvis	1		14 ,, 16
Abraham Adams	1		14 ,, 16
Woods	1		14 ,, 16
[John] Bellowes	1		14 ,, 16

And we do hereby appoint Elisha Copeland to receive of the Persons before named the Sums affixed to their Names, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBENR. OLIVER
FR. WRIGHT

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 12. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Chapman,

A Committee from the Mechanic Fire Society waited on the Board to inform them, that they had at their expence procured four Ladders for the security & use of the Inhabitants in case of Fire—The Thanks of the Selectmen in behalf of the Town were presented to the Gentlemen, and it was agreed that they should be placed as follows—one on the west side of the Court house one the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Murrays Meeting house, one the west Boston Meeting, [House] & one on Mr. Eatons fence Eaton Street, & the Chairman was desired to notify the Inhabitants of this liberal proceedure of the Gentlemen; & to caution them from making use of the Ladders for any other purpose, than that for which they have been furnished

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 26. 1804 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston Hunnewell, Wright, Porter, Oliver, Chapman, May,

Approved of the Indentures of Ann Batchelder, a Minor to Reuben Allen to be in force untill the 5th. of Decem^{r}. 1809, as on file—

In [**237.**] consequince of a Precept from the Honble. Thomas Dawes, Judge of Probate—inquisition was made into the circumstances of Sarah Mulberry, & made return that she is incapable of taking care of herself, & that a Guardian ought to be appointed for her—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 31. 1804 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, May, Wright, Hunnewell, Chapman, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 2. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Wright, Tileston, May Hunnewell, Chapman,

Passed upon other Accounts—

School Comm^{ee}. attended upon business

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 9. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston Hunnewell Wright—

The attention of the Board was occupied by the subject of the Streets & public Lotts in S^{o}. Boston; after viewing the plans of the Streets drawn conformably to the principles adopted at the

Meeting of the Proprietors & the Selectmen, it was agreed to notify the Proprietors of the Land to meet the Board on Monday next to consider the most eligible situation for the public Lotts—

Mr. Hunnewell was desired to enquire into the complaints respecting neglects of the present Sealer of Wood, coming over the Neck—and to enquire respecting a suitable Person for that Office—

The Chairman was directed to the same subject relative to Wood brought in over the Bridges—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 16th. 1805 —Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman,

Messrs: Rufus G. Amory B. Bussy, & Will Cotting appeared in behalf of themselves & Associates, & represented that they had it in contemplation at their own expence to form a spacious Street from State Street to Battery March Street, principally thro'. Land of which they are Proprietors: they exhibited a plan of the proposed Street [238.] and requested that the Board would take measures to lay it out according to law;—The Gentlemen having retired, the subject was considered & it was unanimously agreed, that the proposed Street would be a great public improvement, it was determined to lay out the Street as follows— To continue the west line of Battery March Street untill it shall meet a line in the direction of Milk Street, thence to run in a straight line to the westerly corner of Stone [Store?] No. 36— in State Street—that the said Street shall be 70 feet wide easterly of the above described line on State Street, & from 65 to 70 feet wide on Battery March Street, it being understood that the Town should be at no expence for any land or building taken for said Street, nor for filling up or making it; & that the Town shall not be considered as pledged or under obligation to widen the remainder of Battery March Street—

Voted, that the Chairman Mr. Tilden & Mr. Wright be a Commee. to meet the Applicants on this subject & to carry the proposed improvement into effect—

Messrs: Steven Hall & Moses Hadley were chosen measurers of Wood brought into Town over West Boston Bridge

Mr. Josiah Holbrook was chosen measurer of wood brought over Charles River Bridge

Mr. [Caleb?] Coolidge was chosen Measurer of Wood brought over the Neck.—the Chairman was desired to Notify the above

named Persons of their appointment & to enjoin upon them to see the law put in execution respecting Wood brought into Town by Land—(Mem°. he declined see Jany. 28)

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 23. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Wright, Hunnewell,

Had conferences with several of the Proprietors of S°. Boston & the Mill Proprietors; and Adjourned further consideration untill Fryday next—12. O Clock—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany 25. 1805—Present Messrs: Bultinch, Tilden, Tileston, Wright, May, Chapman, Hunnewell, Oliver, Porter

see under Jany. 28

[239.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 28^t. 1805 Present Messrs: Bultinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman

Passed upon Accounts—

On January 25, being a special Meeting on application for a Town Meeting, it was agreed to issue a Warrant for Town Meeting on Monday the 4^t. of February next 10. O'. Clock A: M:

M^r. Coolidge having declined the Office of Measurer of Wood & M^r. John Hall residing in Washington Street, being recommended by a number of Gentlemen in that quarter, he was chosen measurer of wood brought into Town over the Neck & M^r. Porter was requested to notify him of this appointment—

Approved of several Persons as Innholders & Retailers of Spirituous Liquors

The following Resolution passed the Board—viz—

Whereas a Bill is now pending before the Legislature of this Commonwealth explanatory of the Act entitled an Act to regulate the paving of Streets in the Town of Boston & for removing obstructions in the same—Voted, that it is the opinion of this Board, that if the said Bill should pass into a Law, it ought to have no effect upon the question in dispute between the Selectmen & Messrs: George Blanchard & Bryant P. Tilden relative to proceedings in High Street; but that said question shall be considered upon the construction of the existing laws at the time of said proceedings in November & Decem^r. last.

The following are the proceedings alluded to above & are here entred together to afford a complete view of the subject

Record of proceedings relative to High Street

On the 14th of November last Mr. George Blanchard & Mr. Bryant P. Tilden waited personally on the Selectmen then in Session at their room & complain'd that Dr. Aaron Dexter had given orders to his workmen to build the So. Wall of his Cellar in High Street in Land which the former Proprietor of said land had given into the Street; that if that is allowed the Town would suffer by having the Street reduced, in width, & that Mr. Blanchard & Tildens houses would be much injured by Dr. Dexters advancing in front of the line which they had considered the line of the Street, & in which they had accordingly built their Houses

[240.] After acting upon other business the Board Adjourned to High Street to view the Premises, and to determine the line of the Street, being there assembled they determined that the northerly line of the Street from the westerly fence of George Blanchards Garden to the east end of Deacon Wrights Land should be along the front of Messrs. Blanchard & Tildens houses & continued in a straight direction in front of land of Dr. Dexter to the lamp post at the end of Deacon Wrights ground and that all the land south of this line which had been formerly part of Whites Garden so called should in future be considered as high way.

The Chairman being desired to communicate the above to Dr. Dexter a billet was sent him the same evening containing the substance of the above & his workmen desisted from laying stones on the front line; Dr. Dexter afterwards called personally on the Chairman to express his readiness to conform to the decision of the Selectmen but expected as that he was not allowed to advance into the Street Mess. Tilden & Blanchard would not be permitted to encumber the Street with the steps to their houses, the foundation to which was now laying to extend nearly 30 feet along the foot walk—

At the Meeting of the Selectmen the 21st. of November Dr. Dexters representation was laid before the Board & Messrs: Bulfinch Tileston & Oliver were appointed a Commee. to see Messrs: Blanchard & Tilden to state the objections that had been made & to propose another mode of entring their houses by steps within side—This Commee. waited on the Gentlemen at Mr. Blanchards dwelling house and pointed out a mode by which the Street might be kept clear of encumbrance from steps, & they might conveniently enter their houses under cover, at much less expence than any Stone steps & Iron Railing as proposed in the Street. The Gentlemen agreed to consider the proposal & to communicate

their decision to the Chairman which they did verbally the next day in State Street, that they "could not think of altering their plan;" the workmen then proceeded to level the foundation and to lay the first step, upon information of which the Chairman on Friday Morning the 23rd. measured the foundation & the step already laid & found they would extend 29 feet along the front of ye. houses to project 3 feet 6 inches in the narrowest part & four feet in the center for an extent of 13 feet 9 inches. he immediately wrote to Messrs: Blanchard & Tilden informing them that their steps would exceed the limits allowed by law & advising them to desist before they had incurred any further expence

A special Meeting of the Selectmen was held the next day Feby. 24 at Noon present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Tileston, Hunnewell Oliver May & Wright, when the Chairman informed the Board what had been done since the last Meeting, which was approved by the Board. It was then considered whether the former proceedings [**241.**] should be reversed, & all the Claimants be allowed to advance into the Street it was again determined to continue the North line of High Street as it had been laid out the 14 Inst.—that the proposed steps would be an incumbrance & encroachment on the Street & that the Chairman should take measures to remove them. The above was communicated to Mess: Blanchard & Tilden by billet, copy on file—

At the regular Meeting of the Selectmen on Monday the 26 of November a letter from Messrs: Blanchard & Tilden was read stating the circumstances of their land & what they considered their claims for indulgence, claiming as their own the land which in their first application they had called part of the Street, the following billet was agreed upon to be sent by the Chairman—

"I have laid before the Selectmen your last statement respecting the line of High Street in front of your Houses & your claims of indulgence in the liberty of building the steps as proposed. The Board has again considered the subject & after full deliberation have Judged it their duty to adhere to their first determination, that the land south of your houses is part of High Street & that the steps being an incumbrance should be removed, they consent to your having two steps into the Street, paralell with the front of your houses; being in equal indulgence with that to Mr. Sergeant & Higginson & hope for your ready compliance with their determination"

The workmen notwithstanding the above proceeded to lay & complete the steps; the Chairman gave orders to Mr. Sergeant & Hart to take down the same, and on the 7t. of December went with them and removed the upper step & a few days after the workmen took down the remainder & carefully piled them away.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 20. 1805 —Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, May, Wright, Oliver,

No matter for entry

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Feby. 25 1805 Present Mess Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Wright, Chapman, Oliver, Hunnewell

Passsed upon Accounts

[242.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 27. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston, Chapman, Wright, Porter, May, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

In compliance with the directions in the 3^{d}. Section of the Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth entitled an Act to set off the Northwest part of the Town of Dorchester, & to annex the same to the Town of Boston, the Selectmen having viewed the land described in said act & having conferred with the Proprietors thereof relative to laying out such Streets & lanes thro'. the said Tract as in their Judgement may be for the common benefit of said Proprietors & of the Town of Boston; the Selectmen have determined & agreed to lay out the Streets through the whole of the said Tract, now called *South Boston*, according to a plan drawn by Matthew Withington Surveyer dated October 4-1804 & signed by him which plan is preserved among the records of the Town of Boston; the Streets agreed upon & laid out are described as follows—One principal Street to begin on the line which divides S^{o}. Boston from Dorchester at the place where the present road over the Marsh & Causeway crosses said division line, thence running North sixty three degrees E. the distance of 42 chains 20 links being eighty feet wide & to be called—

Dorchester Street

From the northerly end of said Dorchester Street, another principal Street to run Southerly 84½ degrees East to the Sea & Salt Water & northerly 24 degrees west untill it meets the line of the turn pike, the above described Streets to be 80 feet wide & to be called

Broad Way

Also to the northward of Broad way & parallel thereto; three Streets all of them 50 feet wide, the one nearest to Broad way being 310¾ feet distance therefrom on the western branch and 250 feet distance on the Eastern branch—

The next Street northerly to be 220 feet distant from the last mentioned Street on the westerly part & 250 feet distant from the same on the easterly part

The other Street North of the above to be 250 feet distant from the last described Street—

Also on the westerly side of Dorchester Street & Southward of Broad way are 4 Streets each 50 feet wide running parallel to Broad way all of them commencing at Dorchester Street & continuing to the Turnpike thence bending in a direction parallel with y^e. line of S^o. Boston bridge to the Sea—

The Street next South of Broad way to be 276 feet distance therefrom & all the others to be 250 feet apart; on the Easterly side of Dorchester [243.] Street beside the Streets above described are 6 Streets lying South of Broad way, all of them 50 feet wide & parallel to Broad way at the distance of 250 feet from each other—

And it is determined that all the above described Streets shall be named & called as follows—

The Street on the Northern Shore on Boston Harbour to be called

	First Street	East & West
The Street next parallel thereto - -	Second Street - -	d^o.
The Street next parallel - - - -	Third Street - -	d^o.
The Street next parallel - - - -	*Broad way* - - -	d^o.
The Street next parallel - - - -	Fourth Street - -	d^o.
The Street next parallel - - - -	Fifth Street - - -	d^o.
The Street next parallel - - - -	Sixth Street - - -	d^o.
The Street next parallel - - - -	Seventh Street - -	d^o.
The Street next parallel - - - -	Eighth Street - -	d^o.
The Street next parallel - - - -	Ninth [Street] - -	d^o.

The Cross Streets upon the said Tract are described as follows—Viz^t—

One Street 500 feet from the westerly end of Broadway & from the Turnpike to run exactly at right angles across Broad way to the westerly end of 5th. Street, where it unites with the Turnpike—said Street being 50 feet wide—

Also five other Streets West of Dorchester Street, all at right angles with West Broad way & parallel with the first described Cross Street, the first of them to be 500 feet therefrom, & all the others to be 500 feet apart, each of these Streets to be 50 feet wide & all of them running from the boundary line to the Sea.—

Also on the Easterly side of Dorchester Street, are ten Cross Streets each of 50 feet wide, & at right angles with East Broadway all of them running from the Salt Water on the South to the Harbour of Boston on the north of said Tract, & described as follows—

The first Street East of Dorchester Street as laid out so that the division line between land of Champney & Land of Jonathan Bird shall be in the division of the middle of said Street—

The next Street east of the above to be 680 feet distant therefrom

The next Street easterly to be 376 feet distant from the above—
The next Street easterly to be 624 feet distant from the last mentioned & the others to be 500 feet apart—

Also one other Cross Street in the same direction as the above laid out equally on each side of the line which [**244.**] divides the land of [Blank] Champney from land of Thomas Birds heirs, & of the Widow Mary Clap, said Street being 50 feet wide—also one other Street leading from the South end of Dorchester Street at right angles with the last mentioned Street & terminating in the same—

And it is determined by the Selectmen that the Cross Streets above described shall be known & designated by the letters of the Alphabet as follows—

Beginning at the most easterly cross Street which shall be called - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - A Street
The second to be called - - - - - - - - B Street
The third to be called - - - - - - - - C Street
The fourth to be called - - - - - - - - D Street
The fifth to be called - - - - - - - - E Street
The sixth to be called - - - - - - - - F Street
The 1st. Street east of Dorchester Street d°. G Street
The second to be called - - - - - - - - H Street
The third to be called - - - - - - - - I Street
The 4th. to be called - - - - - - - - - K Street
The 5th. to be called - - - - - - - - - L Street
The 6th. to be called - - - - - - - - - M Street
The 7th. to be called - - - - - - - - - N Street
The 8th. to be called - - - - - - - - - O Street
The 9th. to be called - - - - - - - - - P Street
And the 10th. to be called - - - - - - - Q Street, near the water

The short Street parallel with the Cross Streets—Old Harbour Street & the Street at right angles with the same *Telegraph Street*

And it is determined that all the Streets which extend to the Sea or Salt Water, or any part of the said Tract of Land called South Boston, shall be considered as continuing in the same directions & of the same width as far upon the Flatts or into the Sea as the right of the Proprietors shall extend through whose land the same Streets shall be laid out—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Wright, Chapman, Oliver, May

Deacon Wright from the Comm^{ee}. to view & ascertain the [**245.**] course & boundaries of a passage way leading from Fish Street to the sea near D^{r}. Mountfords corner, reported that the Comm^{ee}. had viewed the Premises, & found that there was sufficient land in possession of the Abuttors to give to each Person the quantity which he had a right to by deed, & also to make an additional width to the passage way; that they had laid [out] the passage way formerly four feet wide as follows—At the distance of 86 feet from Fish Street said Passage-way measures

	feet
in width - - - - - -	5—3 In.
at 120 feet - - - -	7—6
at 164 feet - - - -	6 ,, 10
at 251 feet - - - -	4 feet

which is at the lower end of old wharff & corner of M^{r}. Levi Lanes Sail loft—the Comm^{ee}. also stated that Messrs: Levi Lane & John Gordon the Abutters, had agreed to remove their buildings and fences at their own expence, to make the Passage-way of the above described width—the above Report was accepted, & ordered to be recorded—

On the application of William Tayler Esq that the Board would consent to release the House in Sudbury Street formerly mortgaged by his Grandfather George Minot Esq for the sum of two hundred pounds of M^{r}. Brookers Donation, & take a new mortgage for the same amount upon his land & buildings in Cambridge Street, it was agreed that M^{r}. Tilden should make this exchange of security, provided he shall find by certificate from the Register of Deeds that the estate proposed for security is clear of all incumbrances—

Messrs: Blanchard & Tilden having again proceeded to rebuild their steps to their Houses in High Street, of the same dimensions & projection as those removed by order of the Board—Voted, that the Town Attorney be desired to commence prosecution against them for encroachment on the Highway—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen March 13^{t}. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Oliver, Chapman, Wright,

The list of qualified Voters presented by the Assessors according to law were examined & the Chairman was desired to have [**246.**] such of them reprinted as are couched with names & to have complete lists posted, as the law requires—

The following Advertizement to be inserted in the papers Monday the 18th.—

List of Voters in the Town of Boston

The Selectmen hereby inform their fellow citizens that in pursuance of a law of the Commonwealth there are posted up at Faneuil hall & at the Office of Board of Health complete copies of the corrected lists of persons qualified to vote in the choice of Governor L^t. Governor, Senators & Representatives in Congress—

Notice is also given that one or more of the Selectmen will be in session at their room from the hours of 12 to 1. every day previous to the Election of Governour & Senators (Sundays excepted) for the purpose of receiving evidence of the qualifications of Persons whose names have not been entred on the lists published

The Inhabitants are particularly reminded that these Lists are from *a new return* made by the Assessors according to law, every person is desired to examine whether his name is inserted in the list of the ward in which he resides

By order of the Selectmen

The application of M^r. Josiah Knapp to the Town for part of their Flatts, having been referred to the Selectmen with powers to convey the same to him upon conditions that should be thought for the advantage of the Town—M^r. Porter & M^r. Wright were chosen a Comm^ee. to view the Premises, & confer with M^r. Knapp on the subject—and to make Report

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 20, 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Wright, Oliver, Tilden, Chapman, Hunnewell,

The Board came to the choice of a Chairman for the Year ensuing by ballot when it appeared that Charles Bulfinch Esq. was unanimously chosen—

Proceeded to draw Jurors for Court Common Pleas in April next & adjourned the Meeting to this Day fortnight, to fill such vacancies as may occur—

Ordered that Notifications be printed & dispersed for a Meeting of the Wards on Wednesday the 3^d. day of April for the [**247.**] choice of Assistant Assessors—The Chairman was desired to furnish each of the presiding Officers of the Ward Meetings with a printed extract of the law directing the choice of assisting Assessors—

Warrant signed & issued for a Town Meeting for the choice of Governour Lieu^t. Governor & 5 Senators—

M^r. Newell to have the printing of Notifications—

Col^{o}. May & M^{r}. Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to request D^{r}. Eliot to open the Meeting with prayer

Upon the request of H. Gray Otis Esq. & a number of other Gentlemen, liberty is granted them to make use of Faneuil Hall on the Sunday Evening preceeding the Election for Govern^{r} &^{c}—

M^{r}. Wade & M^{r}. Jacobs have liberty for themselves & a number of persons residing in a new Street near the Almshouse to dig up as much of Copper Street as may be necessary to lay a common Sewer therein to convey the Water from their Cellars &^{c}. to the Sea, at the west end of Leveret Street—and upon consideration of the difficulty of getting a solid foundation for a brick drain in Copper Street, the same being new made land; & also the drain will be filled with Salt water at every tide, it is agreed that the Applicants may build said Common Sewer of wood—to be made not less than 18 Inches wide & covered with Slate or 4 inch Timber

On application from the committee of fire-wards M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Wright are desired to consider the best mode of obtaining a supply of Engine hose; also to examine the hose now on hand at M^{r}. Tildens Store, & to report the state & quality of it & what measure should be taken respecting it.—

The Chairman & M^{r}. Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to examine M^{r}. Micah Homers Acco^{t}. of repairs on drain in White Bread Alley—

[**248.**] M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Wright a Comm^{ee}. to consider the best mode of obtaining a supply of paving stones for the use of the Town the approaching season—

The Board came to the choice of a Person to collect the tax upon cows the ensuing year, & chose M^{r}. John Gammel for that purpose—

M^{r}. Thomas Godfrey appeared & represented that he had now completed his house in Fish Street & that it had been set back from the street in compliance with the direction of the Selectmen, that he should find himself much injured unless the house of M^{r}. Matchet was taken down on a line with his front—After he retired it was agreed to request M^{r}. Godfrey to obtain some estimates of the expence of removing M^{r}. Matchets house & what amount he could obtain by subscription towards defraying the expence—

Rufus G. Amory Esq & M^{r}. Colling exhibited a plan of the proposed new Street from Battery March Street to State Street to be called Broad Street, & requested the assistance of the Board, in obtaining by the mode pointed out by law, such pieces of prop-

erty either of land or buildings as they had not been able to procure; & which were necessary towards carrying their proposed improvement into effect—

The Chairman Mr. Tilden & Wright chosen a Commee. on this subject to confer with the applicants & to Report—

Boston ss: At Meeting of the Selectmen March 25. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter Oliver Tileston May Wright Chapman Tilden,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 27. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Oliver, Wright, Hunnewell Tileston, May Chapman,

Passed upon other Accounts—

[**249.**] Nothing further, matter of Record—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 3d. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tileston Wright, Chapman,

8 Jurymen chosen for C. C. P. in the room of those who were absent &c—to be entred & posted, in Jury Books

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 10. 1805—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Wright, Oliver,

On the application of Mr. B. Goddard that measures may be taken for continuing the Drain which conveys the over ground Water from Orange Street to the Sea, may be continued thro'. his land to the east side of Front Street—Mr. Porter & Mr. Wright are appointed a Commee. on this subject & to report

The Chairman Mr. Tileston & Mr. Wright a Commee. to consider what measures are most expedient relative to the Latin Schoolhouse: whether to repair the present Building or otherwise & to Report—

The Commee. appointed to confer with the Agents of the Broad Street Corporation, reported—that to carry the new street through, it would be necessary to come to an agreement with Mr. Roby for his land & building, with the Guardians of the Heirs of Cushing for part of their land & building & with Mr. Ezra Whitney for the unexpired lease of a part of a Building in Central Wharf—that the Proprietors had made application to the above persons but could not agree upon terms with them—The Chairman was desired to notify the above named Gentleman to appear on Wednesday next, to confer upon the subject—

M^r^. Knap produced several papers to be executed relative to the Sale of a piece of the flatts & the filling up part of Kneeland Street—the same being read & examined, it was the wish of the Board that the Papers should state more particularly the whole transaction; the subject was referred to Saturday next 12. o.'Clock—

[**250.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 17th—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Oliver, Wright Chapman

On Saturday the 13^t^. Ins^t^. The Board met to execute Papers with M^r^. Josiah Knapp—Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston Oliver, May, Wright & Chapman

An instrument was signed conveying to M^r^. Knapp all the Flatts belonging to the Town which lie between his two Estates on Kneeland Street, & from the present abutment to the West side of Front Street; except a space of 30 feet in width thro'. the whole length to be kept as a Highway to continue Kneeland Street from Orange Street to Front Street & M^r^. Knap agrees to relinquish to the Town one half of the amount of his demand upon a former Contract, being 535 Dollars, & to give so much of his land upon the part of Kneeland Street which is already filled up as to make it 24 feet wide upon Orange Street & 30 feet wide at the present abutment—

An application from M^r^. Benjamin Goddard was read with an estimate of the expence of continuing the Water Course near his land in Orange Street, to the East side of Front Street; the Chairman was desired to inform the Agents of the Front Street Corporation, that it was the opinion of the Board that the expence of such addition should be borne by said Corporation as they had rendered the same necessary in consequence of their forming their Street, and to ask their immediate attention to the same—

M^r^. Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell & Wright a Comm^ee^ to ascertain the bounds of the bottom of South Street & Sea Street & to Report the same to be put on Record—

On a precept received from the Honble. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made relative to Seth Harding & return was made that from intemperance & idleness he was in danger of becoming chargeable to the Town to which he belonged—& the Board gave their opinion that a Guardian ought to be appointed for him—

[**251.**] A number of Gentlemen applying for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening next preceeding the Town Meeting

for the choice of Representatives—their request is granted, & is on file

Mr. Roby Mr. Whitney & the Guardians of the Heirs of Cushing appeared agreable to notice & stated their terms in which they would consent that the Broad Street Corporation should make use of their Lands & Buildings for the purpose of opening said Street—the Chairman was desired to communicate these proposals to the President of said Corporation—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24t. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter Tileston Oliver, Hunnewell, May Wright Chapman

Mr. Goddard again appeared & wished, that some speedy measures should be taken to continue the Water course from Orange Street thro'. Front Street. It was agreed to propose to the Directors of the Front Street Corporation, that the Town & they should submit to an impartial & competent reference, the question at whose expence such addition ought to be made; & that upon their consent to such reference signified in writing Mr. Goddard might have liberty on the part of the Selectmen to lay the additional Drain, & keep an account of the expence to be paid him by the Parties according to the division of the Referees—

A Committee of the Proprietors of Broad Street waited upon the Board to inform them that they could not accede to the proposals of Messrs: Roby & Cushing respecting their Land & Buildings; & presented Copies of the Offers of the Corporation to those Gentlemen which they were willing to renew; & claimed the attention of the Board to proceed according to law in opening the Street—The Gentlemen having withdrawn, the subject was considered but no decision had thereon—

Upon complaint from Capt. Atkins, Messrs: May & Chapman are desired to view the Wall of a Brick Distill-house near Back [252.] Street, belonging to Mr. Bishop of Medford which is represented dangerous to the Neighbourhood—

Four extra Jurors were drawn for the Court of Common Pleas now in Session, & are entred in Jury Book—

The Committee chosen to ascertain the bounds of Sea Street at the Easterly end—Reported—

That they had staked of the bounds of Sea Street as follows—To be forty feet wide at the House called the Point-house to continue Southerly to the distance of eighty feet from the South East Corner of said house, thence to the Southerly side of the

Street to run westerly to a point in the direction of the Brick Partition Wall of Hatches & Phillips houses there being forty feet wide, thence to the East line of South Street, making the entrance to South Street Fifty seven feet wide—This Report was accepted & the same ordered to be Recorded as the bounds of the Easterly part of Sea Street

Messrs: Cutting & Lowell have liberty to dig up Chambers Street, in Belknaps Street to their Distill-house for the purpose of laying Pipes to convey the Water to their works, provided that they shall put the Streets into good order & replace the Pavement—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29^{t}. 1805—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright, Chapman, Tilden,

Passed upon Accounts—

On the 24^{t}. of April Ins^{t}. Warrants were issued for two May Meetings on the 8 & 9th. Ins^{t}. at 9. & 10. o'. Clock—A: M:

A Committee to request the Rev^{d}. [Dr. Baldwin] to open the Meeting with Prayer—

M^{r}. Newell to have printing of Notifications for Town Meeting

On the application of a number of Gentlemen a Warrant was issued for a Town Meeting, on Fryday 3^{d}. Ins^{t}. 10. o'. Clock A: M: to consider the expediency of Augmenting the number of Representatives

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen May 1. 1805—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Wright, Tileston, Tilden, Oliver, Porter, Chapman,

Passed upon other Accounts—

[**253.**] M^{r}. Richard Austin & M^{r}. Timothy Green were chosen Sealers of Weights & Measures in this Town for one Year from this date M^{r}. Austin to have the inspection & care of the Southern & M^{r}. Green of the Northern division of the Town—as the Districts have been particularly described of late Years—

Ebenezer Sever Esq & several others of the Proprietors of the Common Sewer from Nassau Street to Kneeland Street entred their objections to having the said Common Sewer continued from the present end thereof to Front Street at their expence—and stated that the Proprietors of Front Street having occasioned the necessity of such addition, that the expence ought to be borne by that Corporation—

The Chairman was desired to communicate the above to the President of the Front Street Corporation ; and ask their immediate attention to the subject—

Complaint was made of a Bow Window now fixing in front of a Shop in Winter Street—the Board having considered the great exertion made by several Gentlemen the last Year to widen that Street, were of opinion that nothing should be allowed to project into the narrow part of the Street—& that the Proprietor should be directed to remove the same—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15. 1805—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Wright, Oliver, May,

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 22^{d}. 1805—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Wright, May, Chapman, Oliver,

30 Petit Jurors for S. J. Court and entred in the Jury Books &^{c}—

An order having been passed on the 9 Ins^{t}. on the application of James Sherman to Notify the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Middle Street to appear at this time to state their objections to the repairs proposed to be made—a number of the Proprietors appeared & declared, that the Common Sewer was generally in good order & did not require repair, & that the obstruction therein near M^{r}. Shermans house must be confined to that place, & that he ought to be at the expence of removing it

[254.] The Gentlemen having withdrawn, the Chairman & M^{r}. Chapman were desired to examine the openings that had been made in the Streets & direct to such measures as they should Judge proper—

M^{r}. Geyer who lately had liberty to place a Fish Box at the End of Bennets Street over the Water appeared & stated,—that some one of the Abuttors on that Street had objected to his using the same for that purpose—M^{r}. Porter, Oliver & Tileston a Comm^{ee}. to view the place & Report their opinion

The Board proceeded to the choice of 12 Constables & the following Persons were chosen—& the Persons offered by them as Sureties were approved—

	Sureties
Thomas Stevens - - - - - -	Dudley Walker
	Thomas Stevenson Junr.
Amos Lewis - - - - - - -	Thomas Lewis
	Joshua Ellis
Henry Lane - - - - - - -	——Whiting
	——Danforth

Samuel White - - - - - -	Abram Babcock Eben^{r}. Clough
Jirah Holbrook - - - - -	Jonathan Merry Edward Staples
Elisha Copeland - - - - -	Abraham Gibson John Perry
Moses Thayer - - - - - -	Nathl. Frothingham Asa Hatch—
Levi Joy	Edward Wentworth Joseph Bennett
Cornelius Fuller	William Jennings Peter M^{c}. Intosh
John Deverell	Perkins Nichols Robert G. Shaw
Farewell Brown	
Benjamin Bass Leeds	Jere Gore Benjn. Bass & Nathl. Tucker—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 27. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Wright Chapman—

Passed upon Accounts—

[**255.**] Representation being made that the steps to the Houses now building by M^{r}. Skinner on Federal Street would incumber the foot walk—Voted, that M^{r}. Skinner be informed that the Board expect that the foot walk in front of his houses be built in a regular descent from the Northerly end of that before M^{r}. Higginson Houses to the Southerly end of that in front of Capt. Carvers—and that the steps to M^{r}. Skinners houses shall not project into the Street more than those of M^{r}. Higginsons—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston Oliver, May, Chapman

Passed upon other Accounts—

Warrant issued for a Town Meeting Monday the 17^{t}. of June Ins^{t}. 9. O'. Clock A: M:

M^{r}. Newell to have the printing of Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting—

M^{r}. Bishop having taken no measures to secure in a permanent manner the Brick Walls of his House, back of Capt. Atkins near Back Street: The Chairman was directed to inform M^{r}. Bishop, that unless such effectual repairs were made previous to the next Meeting of the Grand Jury, that a complaint would be then presented against said Walls as a dangerous nuisance.

The Estimates of the expence of altering Lynn Street to convey the water over ground thro'. the Town slip by L^t. Governor Robins Wharff, were considered; and the Chairman & M^r. Chapman were empowered to take such steps to conduct the water in future as they should find most expedient, after taking the levels & fully considering the subject.—

Approved the Indentures of Alexander Welch a Minor to John Brown Mariner to be in force untill July 4. 1809

Approved the Indentures of William Erving a Minor to Wm Cunnington, Carver & Gilder—

Boston ss: At a special Meeting of Selectmen June 5. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Oliver May Wright & Chapman

M^r. Otis & Lloyd a Comm^ee. of the Proprietors [**256.**] of Broad Street appeared & made application that ye Board would take measures to remove the Buildings now occupied by M^r. Whitney & also M^r. Cushing & M^r. Harris which obstruct the Street; and that the compensation for damages to the Parties should be made after such removal according to law—

The Gentlemen having withdrawn, the Chairman & M^r. Chapman, were desired to call upon the Occupants of the buildings to be removed & to inform them that the Board would soon take measures to lay open the Street—Adjourned to the next day 1 o Clock

Fryday one o;Clock Present the same number as Yesterday

The Comm^ee. Reported that they had seen M^r. Whitney who had stated the inconveniences he should sustain by the moving of his Building; but that he should not oppose the regular proceedings of the Board, but would endeavour to accommodate himself with another Store & to remove his Goods immediately—the Comm^ee. had seen M^r. Cushing & M^r. Harris, who objected to the taking down of their buildings unless they were previously satisfied for the damages they should sustain—

The Board then went into the consideration of the place where the southerly end of the proposed new Street should terminate, at the north side of Cushings high wooden Store, or whether it should be carried through to the Store to the north side of M^r. Tildens Store—after considerable debate, M^r. Oliver & M^r. Wright were chosen a Comm^ee. to confer with the Corporation or their Agents upon this subject, and to Report on Wednesday next

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 12. 1805—Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Porter, Oliver, Chapman, Hunnewell, May. Wright

In consequence of the appointment of a Comm^ee. at the last Meeting to confer with the Agents of the Broad Street Corporation upon the place where said Street should terminate; M^r. Otis & Lowell waited on the Selectmen to inform them that the Corporation were unwilling to carry the new Street further than the north side of Cushings large Store—The Gentlemen having withdrawn, a full [**257.**] discussion of the subject took place, & a Vote being taken it was declared to be almost the unanimous opinion of the Board that on the first proposal of the Gentlemen concerned they had engaged to carry the Street to M^r. Tildens north line—Whereupon Voted that the Chairman be desired to communicate to the Broad Street Corporation that whenever they shall give an obligation to defray the expence of removing M^r. Whitneys Building, & to satisfy his claim for dockage &^c. also to defray the expence of taking down & removing the Buildings belonging to Cushings Heirs & for so much of their land as should make the Street from 65 to 70 feet wide on M^r. Tildens north line, the Board would then proceede to remove the obstructions in the Street—

It having been represented that a Wharff was now building at the South part of the Town which might interfere with the Towns Streets running in a southerly direction; the Chairman M^r. Oliver & M^r. Hunnewell were chosen a Comm^ee. to view the same, also to consider what improvement could be made in Beach Street to open the entrance into Front Street

M^r. Porter was empowered to employ a person to bring a quantity of stone chips to the east side of the Neck—The Chairman M^r. Porter & M^r. Hunnewell a Comm^ee. to consider the repairs necessary to be done to the pavement on the Neck & to Report—

At the Meeting of the Board June 5. Warren Dutton Esq. was chosen to deliver an Oration on the 4th. Day of July next, being the Anniversary of American Independence

Application having been made from two setts of Young Men styling themselves by different political names for the use of the centre Reading School house on the 4^t. of July next to deliver an Oration therein—the same was considered, & it was unanimously determined that it was not expedient to grant the request of either of the Applicants—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 19^t. 1805—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, May, Wright,

Mr. Tilden is requested to view the Sink in Liberty Square [258.] & take such measures to cleanse & repair the same as he may Judge best, after consulting the Commrs. of the Board of Health—

Upon application of Mr. Campbell & Mr. Minott, order was issued to notify the Proprietors of the Common Sewer from Spring Lane thro'. Water Street to appear on Wednesday next to show cause why the same should not be cleansed & repaired at their Joint expence

Upon application from Dr. David Townsend a like order was given to notify the Proprietors of a Water course leading from Allens Tan Yard to Pleasant Street—

Upon representation made the Board respecting Levy Lane: that from intemperate habits & his state of health there was danger of his wasting his property:—Voted to communicate the same to the Judge of Probate of the County of Suffolk, & to recommend that a Guardian should be appointed for him—

Mr. George Burroughs Junr. was approved as an Auchtioneer

A Letter received from William Smith Esq accepting the Office of Town Treasurer & Collector of Taxes to which he had been chosen by the Town at the late Meeting: & proposing his Sureties Samuel A. Otis, H. G. Otis, Samuel Parkman, Josiah Quincy, Samuel Brown & Benjn. Joy Esqrs—Mr. Smith stated that it was the wish of the Gentlemen above named, that the bond should be so drawn as to make each one answerable for his proportion of the amount, & for that only—the subject being considered it was determined that the Sureties offered were satisfactory to the Board, but that the Bond should be drawn in the usual form—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, May

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright,

Passed upon other Accounts—

At the last Meeting the subject of Broad Street was again discussed [259.] & in consideration that the Agents for the Heirs of Cushing were much opposed to carrying the Street through their great Building on Battery March Street, also that the Broad Street Association had made a representation of the great ex-

pences which they had already incurred, & of the additional burthen which the taking down said Store would occasion, for which reason they objected to doing it;—it was Voted, to reconsider the former Vote respecting the southerly termination of Broad Street, & it was determined by ballot, that said Street should be laid out to the northerly side of Cushings Store.—The Chairman was desired to inform the Broad Street Association of this determination, & to desire them to execute a Bond to indemnify the Town from all expence in their proceedings—

At the present Meeting the draft of said Bond was read & after determining that the amount of the penalty should be 20000 dollars—the same was approved—

Ordered that said Street be recorded as follows—Viz^{t}

Whereas a number of Gentlemen have purchased several Stores in State Street & the greater part of the Land between those Stores & Battery March Street, & have been incorporated by the Legislature under the title of the Broad Street Association with design to carry a Street from State Street to Battery March Street, which design was approved by the Selectmen by their Vote of the 16th. January last—*Be it known* that the Selectmen being of opinion that the convenience of the Inhabitants of this Town requires the laying out of a spacious Street to connect State Street with the Northerly end of Battery March Street, have agreed that it should be laid out in the manner following. Viz^{t}. Beginning in Battery March Street at a point on the Store now occupied by Samuel Harris in the direction of the Westerly side of said Battery March Street, as the same now runs from Fosters Wharff thence proceeding untill it shall meet a line drawn in the middle of Milk Street, thence running on a straight line to the Northwesterly corner of Store N°. 36 in State Street now in the occupation of Putnam & Ingalls, said [**260.**] Broad Street to be 70 feet wide on State Street & to run Southerly & continue of the same width from State Street to Milk Street; the Easterly line of said Broad Street, from Milk Street to be continued to the North side of the Wooden Store belonging to the Heirs of Benjamin Cushing; said Broad Street being in Battery March Street between 60 & 70 feet wide—

The Chairman was desired to employ Workmen to stake out the Street conformable to the above description & to notify the Owners & Occupants of Wharffs & Buildings thro'. which said Street will pass that the Workmen will have orders to proceed to remove all Buildings & obstructions from said Street on Monday the 8^{t}. of July next; & that after such removal, the Board will be ready to ascertain, in the mode pointed out by law & to compensate him or them accordingly

Application was received for liberty to erect a Stage on the Common for the exhibition of fire works on the Morning of the 4th. of July next—Liberty was granted for the same, to be done under the direction of the Common Commee

Ordered that the Bells be rung on Thursday next from the hour of 6 to 7—in the Morning being the Anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3d. 1805—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman,

Sundry Applicants for Licenses as Auchtioneers were received, but being read were postponed untill the whole list could be acted upon—

A number of applications for the Office of Constables were read, & next Wednesday assigned for filling the vacancies

Messrs: Bulfinch Hunnewell & Oliver a Commee. to view Common Street to consider with respect to paving or otherwise improving that Street & to Report—

A conference was had with some Gentlemen Abuttors in May Street, who apply that their Street may be continued in a [**261.**] direct line thro'. Land of Mr. Taylor & others to Belknap Street; —the same Gentlemen were requested to endeavour to ascertain the expence of the proposed continuation of the Street, & what sum could be raised from Persons interested in that Neighbourhood.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 10. 1805—Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Porter, May, Oliver Chapman, Hunnewell,

The Board came to the choice of two Constables in the room of Mr. Deverel who has removed from Town & of Mr. Fuller who has resigned—

Mr. Solomon Twist
Mr. Ralf Gore—

were chosen Constables—

The following Persons were approved as Auchtioneers for the Year ensuing—Vizt—

Mess:	Samuel Clap	Mess:	Eber Lawrance
	Thomas K. Jones		Richard Edwards
	Samuel Bradford		William Leveret
	Robert Gardner		John Kennedy
	John Perkins		John Jutau

Thomas Clark
John W. Quincy
William Alline
Azor Archibold
Daniel Wild
Robert G. Shaw
Samuel Blagge
Nathl. P. Hews
Benjamin Tucker
Lewis Hoyt—
Cornelius Coolidge
John Swett
Samuel Bridge
Joseph Ripley
Caleb Howard
Stoddard Capen
Phillip Ammaden
William Dehone
[William?] Remington
Silas Field—
Pat Gorman
Benjamin Sweetser
Appleton Prentice
George Carter
Elisha Field
Samuel Pope Junr.
George Burroughs Junr.
Amos Lewis Junr.
Jonathan Allen
Benjamin Pollard

[**262.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen July 17. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright,

In consequence of a Precept received from the Honble. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk inquisition was made into the circumstances of M^{r}. Levi Lane, & return was ordered to be made that the said Lane was non compos & unable to take care of his property, & that a Guardian ought to be appointed for him—

The Comm^{ee}. appointed to view the Wharf building by Messrs: Smith & Baxter at the South part of the Town, Report That the said Wharf was already extended so far as to intersect the line of Rainsfords Lane; and in their opinion if continued would interfere with the Towns rights as well as the claims of Individuals—whereupon Voted that the Chairman inform Messr^{s}. Smith and Baxter that the Board consider all the Wharf which extends beyond the line of Rainsfords lane is an incroachment on the Towns right, and that they be directed to remove the same—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 24. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Tileston Oliver Wright, May, Porter, Hunnewell,

Approved of the Indentures of Robert Outlaw a Minor to Andrew Milne Marriner; term to expire in the 1st. Day of Feby. 1812

Application was received from a Religious Society worshipping in a Building at the bottom of Friend Street, praying for the interference of the Board to prevent disturbances which they experience from Boys & other Persons on the Evenings of their Meetings—conversing with the Comm^ee^. on the subject they were informed that the Board considered this Assembly under the same protection of the laws as other religious societies, that the services of the Constables might be commanded upon their paying them for the time they were employed—that the municipal Court being established particularly to punish all breaches of the peace, free of expence to the complainants; the Selectmen were of opinion that no interference on their part was necessary or proper—

Application was lately made by a Company who [**263.**] had purchased M^r^. Austins Rope Walk, at West Boston for the opinion of the Board whether the Streets running from Cambridge Street, southerly up the hill, extended as far as the north line of the Ropewalk,—Plans were exhibited & a deed was read by M^r^. H. G. Otis Esq. to prove his right to the land in question—the subject was referred for further inquiry & consideration—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29. 1805—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Chapman,

Passed upon Accounts—

Selectmen proceeded to West Boston to view the Streets running from Cambridge Street &^c^—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31st. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Return was made by M^rs^. Mary Minot & M^r^. James Campbell of the expences attending the opening and repairing the Common Sewer from Spring Lane through part of Water Street, and the amount thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed, they being informed at the same time that every person concerned in said Drain had been duly warned according to law and no objection having been entred to their proceedings, Assessment was made thereon by the Selectmen, an order for payment was made out and delivered to the aforenamed Minot and Campbell which is as follows [**264.**] viz. Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer in Spring Lane, through part of Water Street has been laid conformable to the direction of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof according to an account laid before and exam-

ined by the Selectmen amounted to 437.70. and as such expence is to be borne by such person or persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer and receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them, who are empowered by law to apportion the same. The said Minot & Campbell having agreeable to law notified all the concerned before they had proceeded on the business, and no objection having been made thereto—Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby certify that having considered the said expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid, do adjudge that the same should be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named—viz[t].—

		Share	$. cts
[265.]	M[r]. James H. Foster	1	8.76
	Samuel Dashwood	1	8.76
	Andrew Brimmer	2	17.52
	Dan[l]. D. Rogers	1	8.76
	Benjamin Green	2	17.52
	Stephen Francis	1	8.76
	William Richardson	1	8.76
	John Bumstead	1	8.76
	M[rs]. Minot	2	17.52
	James Campbell	1	8.76
	A. Cunningham	1	8.76
	W. Davidson	1	8.76
	John Driscoll	1	8.76
	W[m]. Stackpole	2	17.52
	---- Andrews	2	17.52
	P. R. Dalton	2	17.52
	W. Page	1	8.76
	Samuel Clap	1	8.76
	James Thwing	1	8.76
	Mungo Mackay	1	8.76
	Peter C. Brooks	2	17.52
	Chris. Marshalls heirs	2	17.52
	Abiel Smith	1	8.76
[266.]	Barney Smith	1	8.76
	Benjamin Callender	1	8.76
	Josiah Quincy	1	8.76
	Jonathan Mason	1	8.76
	Samuel Coverly	1	8.76
	John Brooks	1	8.76
	—— Fales	1	8.76
	William Ritchie	1	8.76
	Bill Dow [?]	1	8.76
	[John] Fleet	1	8.76
	R. G. Amory	1	8.76
	C. Clark	1	8.76
	Peleg Coffins heirs	2	17.52

—— Loring	1	8.76
James Lloyd	1	8.76
Heirs of Mrs. Rowe	2	17.52
Mrs. Hollis	1	8.76
	50—	

And we do hereby appoint Mrs. Mary Minot & Mr. James Campbell within named to receive of the persons abovenamed the sums affixed to their names and to give discharges therefor.—Charles Bulfinch, David Tilden [**267.**] William Porter, John Tileston, Ebenr. Oliver, Jonn. Hunnewell, F. Wright—

Selectmen

Return was made by David Townsend Esq of the expence attending the opening & repairing the Water course from Allens Tan Yard so called to Pleasant Street; the account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, that every Person concerned in said Water course had been duly warned according to Law; no objection having been entred to his proceeding—ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen an Order for payment was made out; and delivered to the aforesaid David Townsend, which is as follows—Vizt.—

Whereas a Water Course near Pleasant Street leading from Allens Tan Yard to said Pleasant Street has been laid conformable to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof according to an account laid before & examined by the Selectmen amounted to $120—85 Cents; & as such expence is to be borne by such Person or Persons, whose drains enter therein or who receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them, who are empower'd by law to apportion the same; the said Townsend having agreable to law notified all the concerned before he had proceeded on the business, & no objection having been made thereto—Therefore—we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered the said Expence & by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid, Do Adjudge, that the same shall be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—Vizt—

[**268.**]	Josiah Allen	1 Share	$15 ,, 12
	Samuel Torrey	1 ,, do	15 ,, 12—
	Beza Tucker	1 ,, do	15 ,, 12—
	—— Loring	1 ,, do	15 ,, 12
	James Boller	1 ,, do	15 ,, 12—
	Samuel Emmons	1 ,, do	15 ,, 12
	William Forster	1 ,, do	15 ,, 12
	David Townsend	1 ,, do	15 ,, 12—
		8 Shares—	

And we hereby Appoint David Townsed Esq to receive of the Persons within named the sums affixed to their names, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN TILESTON
EBEN^R. OLIVER
JON^A. HUNNEWELL
F: WRIGHT—
} Selectmen of Boston

The Board having after their last Meeting visited the Streets South of Cambridge Street & copies of deeds having been laid before them, by which it appeared that the Streets were intended by the original Proprietors of the Land to be continued to the Ropewalks,—it was determined that the obstructions should be removed from Garden & Centre Streets, so that said Streets should be cleared, to the North side of the Ropewalks,—it was also determined that the Fence put up by order of M^r. Tayler at the Southerly end of South Russell Street should be removed as it obstructs the Passage from Belknap Street to South Russell Street—and the Chairman was desired to see the above orders carried into effect—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 5. 1805 Present Mess: Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May—

Signed [**269.**] Deeds for three Lotts of Land sold, on Forthill—

The Chairman communicated to the Board Copies of Deeds under which M^r. Tayler claims the land at the South end of Russell Street which he has fenced in—which were read & considered, when it was determined to be the opinion of the Board that said land was intended by the immediate Heirs of Buttolph to be a Street, and the Chairman was directed to cause the Fence to be removed—

Complaint in writing having been made against M^r. Farwell Brown one of the Constables for improper conduct in the service of a Warrant upon one of the Inhabitants, Ordered that M^r. Brown & the three Gentlemen first named in the application against him, be notified to meet the Selectmen, Thursday next 12. o'. Clock—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 8. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright—

The Gentlemen notified to appear to support the complaint against Mr. Farwell Brown, attended & related the grounds of their complaint—Mr. Brown was also present with several Witnesses to explain & Justify his conduct.—The Parties having been examined, were dismissed; a general conversation on the subject took place at the Board when it was agreed not to come to any decision at this time—but to refer the subject for further inquiry—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 15 1805 Present Mess: Tilden Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell May, Wright, Chapman

Mr. Samuel Cade entered a complaint against Mr. Darling for opening his Mothers Grave & taking out his Child that lay on his Mothers Coffin; distroying the Coffin & putting the several parts of Flesh which was not decayed loose in the Ground, & burying a Stranger in said Grave—

Ordered, that Mr. Darling be Notified to appear at the Board next Wednesday 5 o'.Clock P: M:—

On application of the Honble. Judge of Probate for the [**270.**] County of Suffolk, that examination be made by the Board into the circumstances of Robert Steel represented to the Judge as a Person Non compos & incapable of managing his concerns—Mess: Tilden & Tileston were appointed to make examination accordingly, & Report thereon to the Board

Mr. Tileston appointed to see to the removing of the Fish Box at the foot of Summer Street, over the Water—

A number of Persons approved & recommended to the Court of Sessions for the County of Suffolk as Inholders & Retailers of Spirituous Liquors— as p List on file

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 21st. 1805—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright,

The Persons Notified after the last Meeting to appear at this time to state their charges against Mr. Darling, were present together with said Darling; several Witnesses were produced by the Complainants to prove their charges, & Mr. Darling was heard in his own Justification—after some time spent in considering the subject—it was agreed to postpone a decision thereon untill the members of the Board had viewed the part of the North Burying Ground, where the Graves had been dug by Darling—and as many as could make it convenient were requested to view the spot before Monday next—

Messrs: Raymond & Batson who are building Houses on the new made Land near the bottom of Beacon Street appeared and represented that they had made attempts & at great expence to dig a well near their houses but from the nature of the ground & the great flow of Salt water upon them they had been obliged to give up the attempt; they requested liberty to sink a well in the flatts below the present head Wharf in Beacon Street—their proposal was agreed to on condition that the Town should have liberty to place a Pump in said well if they should ever desire it, & that the present consent should not prevent the Town from filling up & occupying the Street or from depriving the Applicants or their Successors of said Well if it should ever be found inconvenient or injurious to the Town

[**271.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston Oliver, Wright, May Chapman

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 4. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Hunnewell, Tilden, Wright, Chapman, Oliver, May, Porter

Messrs: Head & Randall having made return of the Expence of digging & compleating a new Common Sewer in Garden Street to lead into Cambridge Street, amounting in the whole to $315 — the same was examined & allowed—It was determined to divide the above sum by the number of Houses & Lotts on said Street, & that the original Undertakers of the Drain should pay in proportion of the first cost according to their number of Lots; and that all others who should hereafter enter Drains into said Common Sewer should pay ten p cent in addition to the cost, as a compensation to the Undertakers for their trouble & advances the Assessment is as follows—

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Walter Russell - - - - - - - - - -	26 ,, 25—
John Canouse - - - - - - - - - -	28 ,, 88—
Jacob Homer - - - - - - - - - - -	28 ,, 88
Joshua Randall - - - - - - - - - -	26 ,, 25
Benjamin Hurd - - - - - - - - - -	26 ,, 25
Joseph Russell - - - - - - - - - -	28 ,, 88
Walter Russell - - - - - - - - - -	26 ,, 25
Joseph Peirce - - - - - - - - - -	28 ,, 88
—— Pitts - - - - - - - - - - - -	28 ,, 88
Morris Sullivan - - - - - - - - - -	28 ,, 88
Doctor Jennison - - - - - - - - - -	28 ,, 88
William Welsh - - - - - - - - - -	26 ,, 25
	333 ,, 41

It was also agreed that each & every Person who should lead a Drain into said Common Sewer from the Streets above should pay to the Proprietors of said Common Sewer the sum of ten Dollars—

Mr. Willam Mills applyed in behalf of the Heirs of [272.] [John?] Ruddock deceased for compensation for Land & part of a Building taken to widen the northern part of White Bread alley — It was agreed to refer the Claims of said Heirs to Josiah Snelling, John Winslow & Ozias Goodwin Esqrs. upon Mr. Mills giving an obligation to secure the Town from all future Claims of such of the Heirs as are now Minors

The Chairman Mr. May & Mr. Chapman were desired to attend the business; also that the same Referrees should determine the amount of damages to Mr. William Welsh for part of his Land taken to widen the southerly end of said Alley—

The Board having lately had a special Meeting to make further enquires into the complaint against Mr. Farwell Brown one of the Constables—the Parties were heard upon the subject; when it appeared to the Board that Mr. Brown had served a Warrant upon Mr. Washburn with such circumstances of severity as greatly to hurt the feelings of Mr. Washburn, & a number of respectable Citizens of the North part of the Town—after full consideration it was determined that Mr. Brown should make concessions & an apology to Mr. Washburn in the presence of the Selectmen; & that they should be notified to appear at this Meeting—Accordingly both being present Mr. Brown was informed that it was the opinion of the Board that he had acted with undue severity, & of the concessions proper to be made—he then asked pardon of Mr. Washburn for his conduct towards him & acknowledged that had he been previously acquainted with his character, no inducement would have led him to conduct [himself] as he had done—Mr. Washburn accepted his concessions, & Mr. Brown was then admonished by the Chairman & others of the Board to be careful in future while executing the duties of his office with fidelity to avoid entering into the feelings of the Parties & to use that lenity and discretion of conduct which are due to every Inhabitant of the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 11. 1805 —Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright,

Application was received from a number of Gentlemen [273.] upon Somerset Street so called requesting that the Selectmen would lay out & accept that Street in behalf of the Town—the same was referred to the Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Wright to confer with the Applicants and to report

Mr. Parkman communicated to the Board a Subscription Paper for raising money for opening & widening Merchants Row amt. to 2030 Dollars—it was Voted to proceed to widen said Street immediately, & the Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright were desired to proceed upon the same—& were empowered to make such Agreement with the Abutters, and enter into such References for compensation as may be necessary.

An application was made for opening the entrance into Hawkins Street from Sudbury Street, the Proprietors of the Board being about to build a Brick Stable upon the spot, it was determined to open & widen the same provided the Applicants would raise by subscription the sum of four hundred Dollars—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem. 13 1805 —Present Messrs. Bullinch, Tileston, Hunnewell Wright, Oliver,

Mr. Benjamin Goddard again called the attention of the board to the subject of the Drain leading from Orange Street thro' his Land to Front Street—he related that the Front Street Corporation absolutely declined leaving the question to reference, as proposed by the Board—he then offered to lay the drain and fill over it with earth to the proper level upon the Town's paying him 125 Dollars being one half of the estimated expence—this proposal was agreed to after full consideration & Mr. Goddard was desired to proceed on the work.

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be authorized and requested to present his note for 2000 Dollars to Directors of Branch Banks for discount on account of repairs on Faneuil Hall & that the same be made payable to the Chairman & endorsed by him.

The Claims of the Town upon Ward & Boylston Esq. for property lately recovered by law from the late Moses Gill Esq were considered & various records of former proceedings respecting the Boylston Donation, were presented by the Chairman—Mr. [274.] Wright was desired to hand the same to John Davis Esq for his consideration & to request of him a Meeting with the Board, when he shall have formed his opinion on the subject.

Received application from the Abuttors on Kilby Street, pray' for the removal of Hackney Carriages from that Street, was partially considered, and referred to the next Meeting.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem. 26 1805 Present Messrs. Bullinch, Libbey, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Hunnewell, May, Porter

The list of Persons licensed to sell Spirituous Liquors the last Year, being handed in by the Clerk of the Sessions, the same

was revised and after full consideration it was determined not to allow any license to any person residing on the Hill at West Boston; in order to check the gross immoralities committed there, & to discountenance the same as far as in the power of this Board: It was determined that the names of all Persons who should presume to sell liquors without license should be handed to the Town Advocate for prosecution—

Renewed application being made for the opening & widening the easterly entrance into Hawkins Street; the same was referred to the Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Hunnewell to confer with the Proprietors of the Land & with the Applicants—the same Commee. to take so much of Mr. Peirces land and building into the Street as they should think expedient, the Applicants agreeing to pay all the expence except $200—to be paid by the Town to straighten the northerly side of the Street, at the expiration of the Lease of Buildings to be taken down—

Agreed that the Lamps should be lighted in the month of October the Chairman & Mr. Wright a Commee. to divide the Town into Districts, each are to be under the particular inspection of one Member of the Board, and to Report such regulations as they may think proper

[275.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo1. 1 Present Messts: Bulfinch, Tileston, Hunnewell May, Wright—

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 2d. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Porter, Tileston, Oliver Wright Hunnewell, May

Passed upon Accounts—

Liberty was given to Deacon Jacob Holland, to open & repair the Common Sewer from his house in North Street, all the Proprietors having been notified according to law & no objection having been made to his proceeding

Mr. Stevens applied for liberty to erect a fish box over the Water at the bottom of Summer Street & presented a recommendation from a number of the Neighbourhood—Mr. Tileston was desired to give directions for building the same, as he should Judge proper—

The Commee. to consider the Towns Claim upon Wm: Boylston, reported their opinion that advice should be had of the best Counsel that could be procured, for the proper mode of prosecuting the business—and the Chairman was desired to hand all the Papers to Samuel Dexter Esq for his perusal & consideration—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 9^{t}. 1805 Present: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter Tileston Oliver Hunnewell Wright,

M^{r}. Porter was desired to direct the laying of a cross drain on the Neck on to the flatts belonging to M^{r}. Wetherbee & to pave a broad gutter to lead into the Sink—M^{r}. Wetherbee to give the Town an obligation that the Town should for ever enjoy the right & use of said Watercourse over his flatts to the Sea—to be laid & maintained at the expence of the Town—

It being stated to the Board that the Directors of the Insurance Company who are Proprietors of the Building [**276.**] at the corner of Exchange lane in State Street, have it in contemplation to make expensive repairs upon their house; it was determined to appoint Mess: Tilden & Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to confer with the Abutters on Exchange Lane before such repairs commence to endeavour to ascertain the expence of widening that lane & what sum could be raised from the Persons interested, towards defraying the expence

Mess: Porter Oliver & Hunnewell were desired to view Orange Street, to determine what parts of the same it was expedient to pave this Season, & to employ workmen about the same immediately—

Liberty was given to M^{r}. Joshua Bull to build a Bakers Oven at his house in Fleet Street, provided he can obtain the consent of the Fire-wards—

In pursuance of a Precept from the Honble. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made respecting Lemuel Ludden, & return was made to the Judge that he was non compos & that a Guardian ought to be appointed for him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 16. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, May, Oliver,

Several Petitions were received from Persons residing in Southack Street praying for renewal of their Licenses—subject referred to next Meeting—

Verbal Reports were made by several Committees

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 23. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman

Passed upon a number of Persons for Retailers & Inholders for this Town—

The Petition of several Persons in Southack Street for Licenses were read & considered, & it was determined not to reconsider the Vote of of 25 Septem^r. last—

The Town Crier having resigned—the Chairman is requested to advertize for a suitable Person for that office—

[277.] A well attested complaint being made against M^r. Jonathan Trask, Captain of the North watch—Voted that M^r. Trask be informed that he will not be considered as one of the Town Watch after the close of this month—

M^r. Austin one of the Sealers of Weights & Measures has liberty to procure a new Standard sealed beam—

Representation being made that M^r. Jon^th. Balch was about leasing a piece of the Flatts lying Westerly of his Wharff for a Graving Yard—the Chairman was desired to inform M^r. Balch, that the Board considered the lease of any flatts below the Circular line an encroachment on the public property; & that their duty will require that they should make complaint to the Attorney General against any incumbrance placed thereon

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 28. 1805
Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell
Chapman Wright

Passed upon Accounts—

Return was made on the 23^d. Ins^t. by Deacon Jacob Holland of the expence attending the opening & repairing part of the common sewer in N^o. Street, the account thereof being duly examined by the selectmen is by them allowed, they being informed at the same time, that every person concerned in said drain had been duly warned according to law & no objection having been entr^d to his proceeding ASSESSMENT was made thereon by the Selectmen, an order for payment was made out & delivered to the aforenamed Jacob Holland which is as follows—

Whereas a drain or common sewer in North Street has been repaired conformable to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to sixty six dollars & as such expence is to be borne by such person or persons whose drains enter into said common sewer & receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of said town or the major part of them who are empowerd by law to apportion the same [278.] Therefore we the subscribers selectmen of said town of Boston do hereby certify that having considered the same expence

& by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid Do Adjudge that the same should be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named—Viz^{t}.

	Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Eliot	1 Share	$1 ,, 30—
	Mary Laughton	1-d°	1 ,, 30
	John Ripley	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Lewis Leland	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Michael Malcomb	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Joseph Adams	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Thomas Clark	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	James Williams	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Dolly Doubt	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	David Steel	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	[William?] Mills	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	John Banister	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	John D. Howard	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Thomas Godfrey	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Benjamin Fuller	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	William Woodward	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	William Bell	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	John Trueman	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	William Dow	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	William Collins	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	[Elias?] Tuckerman	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Oliver Homes	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	William Butler	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Thomas Parker	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Jacob Holland	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	[Edward?] Oliver	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Samuel Brown	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Joseph Burbeck	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Samuel Winslow	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Jacob Hiler	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Noah Lincoln	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	John Lombard	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Henry Swift	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	James Robinson	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	David Watson	1 d°	1 ,, 30
[279.]	William Pulcifer	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Capt. Cruft	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Paul Revere	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Amos Lincoln for Nathl. & Joseph Clark—	2 d°	2 ,, 60
	Robert Gardner	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Henry Hutchinson	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Samuel Walls	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Capt. Sampson	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Stephen Gibson	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	Josiah Batcheldor	1 d°	1 ,, 30
	James Sherman	1 d°	1 ,, 30

Joseph Chandler - - - -	1 Share - -	$1 ,, 30
[Aaron?] Clap - - - -	1 d° - - -	1 ,, 30
Benjamin Varney - - -	1 d° - - -	1 ,, 30
Capt. Burroughs - - - -	1 d° - - -	1 ,, 30
Capt. Webber - - - -	1 d° - - -	1 ,, 30

And we hereby empower & authorise Deacon Jacob Holland to collect & receive the above sums & to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
JON^TH. HUNNEWELL
FRANCIS WRIGHT
JON^TH. CHAPMAN
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r. 30. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Chapman, May Hunnewell Oliver

Passed upon other Accounts—

A Committee from the American fire Society waited on the Board at a late Meeting, to inform them that they had at their own expence provided a ladder for the security & use of the Inhabitants in case of fire & proposed that the ladder should be placed on the South side of the Rev^d. M^r. Channings Meeting House

A written communication was received from the Comm^ee. of the Amicable fire society, informing that they had also provided a ladder for the same purposes to be deposited in the wall opposite Concert hall

[**280.**] Voted, to present to the aforegoing Societies, the thanks of the Board in behalf of the Town; & that the Chairman insert the same in the public papers & caution the Inhabitants from making any other use of the ladders than in time of fire—

On the application of M^r. Barker stating that his Cellar with others in Fish Street were overflowed, occasioned by the stoppage of the mouth of the Common Sewer where it empties into Ballard & Harts Yard—the Chairman was desired to view the same & to endeavour to obtain Mess: Ballard & Harts consent that the water from the drain should continue to run on their ground untill a more suitable season for opening the passage way to Parsons wharf

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7th—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Wright, May, Oliver, Porter,

Jurymen drawn for Grand & Petit Jurors for Supreme Judicial Court, & entered & posted in Jury Books & Adjourned the Meeting to this day fortnight, for the purpose of filling up any vacancies that may unavoidably happen in the List of Jurors

Mr. James Low being well recommended by a number of Freeholders at the north part of the Town is appointed Captain of the North Division of the Watch—

Several Persons appeared & offered themselves for the place of Town Crier — the choice was referred to the next Meeting—

Agreed to attend the perambulations of the bounds between this Town & Roxbury, on Monday next the 7th. Inst. the Selectmen of Roxbury having been notified to meet for that purpose—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 13th. 1805 Present Messrs: Bullfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Chapman,

[**281.**] The Chairman Mr. Tilden & Mr. Hunnewell a Commee to view the passage way in State Street next to Robert G. Shaw's Auction Office, to consider whether it is practicable or expedient to form a Street in that direction—

Mr. John Green having produced recommendations from a number of respectable Inhabitants which is on file was chosen *Town Crier*, by a unanimous vote taken by ballot—

According to Agreement the Selectmen of Roxbury met at the time and place appointed on Thursday the 7th. Inst. & perambulated the bounds and renewed the marks, the particulars of which are on the mixed papers —

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 20. 1805— Present Mess: Bullfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman

The Chairman Mr. Tilden & Mr. Oliver a Commee. to view Cambridge Street near Mr. Chapmans house to consider what improvement may be made in widening the Street there

Mr. Goddard & Mr. Knapp having requested in writing that the Board would order a suitable number of Lamps to be lighted in Front Street; such lamps to be provided at the expence of the proprietors on that street — it was agreed that the Chairman should inform the Applicants that as soon as the street was properly secured by fences on the sides, they would give orders to have the lamps lighted as requested—

The Chairman was directed to take measures to regulate the side walk to Mr. Skinners new house on Sister Street—to give Mr. Skinner one week to make the necessary alteration, & in case of neglect after that time, to have it done & the Bills with charges to be presented to him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Novemr. 25. 1805—Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

[282.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Novr. 25. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Chapman, Oliver,

Passed upon other Accounts—

The Petition of Andrew Parker a confined Debtor, praying for liberty to carry on his business of Picture frame making in the Cellar of the Centre School house was considered—and it was determined that the building would be endangered by such use, & therefore the Petition could not be granted—

Upon the request of a Musical Association by their Commee. Messrs: Merian & French, they have liberty to make use of the upper Room in the Centre School-house on such Evenings in the Week as may not have been previously engaged—

It was determined to widen the west entrance into Bowdoin Square, by drawing a line from the North West corner of Mr. Chapmans house to the No. West Corner of Mr. Boots Stable, & to proceed at present to lay out so much of Mr. Chapmans & Mr. Shimmins vacant land into the Street as will fall to the North of such line—Mr. Chapman and Mr. Shimmin to be notified to appear on Wednesday next to agree upon Referees to ascertain their damages—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Decemr. 2d. 1805—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Porter, Hunnewell, Chapman

Proceeded to draw Jurors for District Court--and the names have been entred & posted in Jury Books

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 4th. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Wright, Chapman, Hunnewell May, Oliver,

Mr. George Erving Willson having produced a recommendation from the Revd. Mr. Harris of Dorchester is approved as a Master of a private School in this Town to teach Reading writing & Arithmetick—

An application for opening the westerly end of Broad Lane was committed to Messrs: Hunnewell & Wright—

[**283.**] The Chairman M^{r}. Tilden Oliver, Hunnewell & Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to consider the expediency of widening part of Cambridge Street, where M^{r}. Mackey & Newells land borders upon it—also to view the foundation of Houses now laying in Leveret Street, to consider the expediency of widening the Street in that place—

The board went into the consideration of the propriety of appointing an agent to prosecute the suit of the Town against Ward. N: Boylston Administrater upon the estate of the late Thomas Boylston Esq before the Probate Court & to final Judgement in the Supreme Court—the subject having been fully considered, it was determined by a very full vote, that it was not expedient to appoint an Agent to transact the business, in the Courts of this Commonwealth

It was then unanimously Voted, that Samuel Dexter & Perez Morton Esq^{rs}. be requested to prosecute the Towns claims upon the estate of Thomas Boylston in the capacity of Joint Counsel to the Selectmen, who were appointed by the Town Agents for this purpose by vote of October 23^{d}. 1799—

It was also Voted, that if either of the Gentlemen above named should in the course of the prosecution render essential & special services, the Board would consider them as entitled to liberal & special compensation—

Perez Morton Esq. having been invited to attend the above resolutions were communicated to him and after some conversation he consented to act as Counsel for the Board upon the conditions proposed, & that the compensation to be allowed him should be left untill the termination of the suit—

M^{r}. Morton then communicated an extract of a letter from George Erving Esq. of London & withdrew—

It was agreed that this communication should be considered & acted upon at a future meeting

[**284.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Decr. 11. 1805 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell Wright Chapman

The Board agreed with M^{r}. Chapman to refer the consideration of the amount of damages for his land taken into Cambridge Street, to General John Winslow M^{r}. Joseph Coolidge Junr. & M^{r}. Jonathan Loring—

Agreed to recommend Mr. Stockbridge Joslyn for a license to retail Spirits at his Shop in Grove Street one door south from Cambridge Street—

The Gentlemen who applied for lighting ye. Lamps in Front Street, having represented the difficulties in the way of fencing that Street at present according to the wish of the Board, & having expressed their determination to do it, as soon as the powers of the Corporation should be extended to that object at the next Session of the General Court—Mr. Tilden was desired to employ another lighter & to have the Lamps lighted at the expence of the Town—

The attention of the Board was occupied in considering the memorial of a number of Inhabitants at West Boston who complain of the loss of the water from their wells, which they attribute to the very great use of water from a well in Chambers Street to supply Mess: Cotting & Jacksons Distillery a number of statements from the Complainants & also from Mr. Jackson were read & compared, & it was agreed for the further satisfaction of the Board, to have all the wells in that neighbourhood sounded daily, & a minute kept of the quantity of Water in them, & a return thereof made at the next Meeting

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 18. 1805—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Wright,—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 20. 1805—Present Mess: Tilden, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Tileston, Bulfinch, Chapman, Porter,

In pursuance of a Precept from the Honble. Judge of Probate [285.] Inspection was made into the circumstances of David Spear & return was made to the Judge that he was incapable of taking care of himself, & recommend that a Guardian should be appointed for him—

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Wright a Commee. to offer to Judge Wendell a piece of land fronting on his Garden on Fort hill at the average price of the land lately sold by the Town in that Neighbourhood & in case he declines purchasing to offer the same to Mr. Eaton who has applied for it—

The Chairman was desired to measure & stake out the land now owned by Deacon Brown on Orange Street formerly sold by the Town, that the true bounds of the land now belonging to the Town may be ascertained—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Decemr. 26. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, Porter, Wright Tileston, Chapman

The Chairman Reported that had in company with Deacon Brown measured the land now occupied by Mr. Brown; & found that it was agreable to the deed given by the Town then considered & adopted certain terms of accommodation & proposals for reference to be offered to Deacon Brown respecting the bounds of the Towns land which are on file & the Chairman was desired to furnish Deacon Brown with a Copy of them—

Another Remonstrance was received & read relative to Mess: Cotting & Jacksons Well at west Boston—& a statement of the depth of Water in a number of wells taken 7 Days successively & made by Mr. Folsome—the Chairman was desired to enquire of the Distillery whether there was a prospect of their selling their works & renewing their manufactory—as the Board wish for such information previous to coming to a decision on the subject—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 30. 1805 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Porter Tileston Oliver Hunnewell Wright

Passed upon Accounts—

[**286.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 3d. 1806 Present Messrs: BulfinchTileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, May—

Return was made by Mr. Benjamin Eaton of the expence attending the opening & repairing part of the Common Sewer in Cross Street the Account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen, is by them allowed: they being informed at the same time that every Person concerned in said Drain, had been duly warned according to Law; and no objection had been entered to his proceeding. ASSESSMENT was made thereon, an Order of payment was made out & delivered to the aforesaid Benjamin Eaton, which is as follows—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer in part of Cross Street has been repaired conformable to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to One hundred & eighty Dollars & thirty Cents and as such expence is to be born by such persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them who are empowered by law to apportion the same—therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston hereby Certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid—
DO ADJUDGE that the same shall be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—

		D
Mr. Bright - - - - - - -	1 Share -	18 ,, 3
Daniel Tuttle - - - - - -	1 ditto - -	18 ,, 3

			D
	Christopher Smith - - - - -	2 Shares -	36 ,, 6
	Benjamin Eaton - - - - - -	1 ditto - -	18 ,, 3
	[Patrick?] M^c. Bride - - -	1 ditto - -	18 ,, 3
[287.]	William Mackay - - - - - -	1 ditto - -	18 ,, 3
	Francis James - - - - - -	1 ditto - -	18 ,, 3
	Estate of Enoch James - -	1 ditto - -	18 ,, 3
	Edward Rumney - - - - - -	1 ditto - -	18 ,, 3

And the aforesaid Benjamin Eaton is hereby authorized to receive the above and to give discharges therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
JOHN TILESTON
EBEN^R. OLIVER
EBEN^R. HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY—
} Selectmen—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 8. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Wright, Hunnewell, Oliver,

Deacon William Brown having agreed to submit the Question of his bounds on the Towns Lands to five disinterested Freeholders, the Board in conference with him, made choice of the following Gentlemen for that purpose—

William Sherburne
John Jay
William Parsons
John C. Jones
Samuel Cabot—Esqrs—

and the Chairman was desired to notify the Gentlemen of the appointment, and to request their services—

Further discussion was had, respecting the complaints against M^r. Cottings Well at New Boston, also respecting the suit in the Probate Court against W. N: Boylston Esq. but nothing decided upon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 15. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Porter, Hunnewell, Wright,

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be requested & authorized to give [288.] his Note of hand payable on demand & bearing interest after the 1st. Day of April next to Tuttle Hubbard Esq for three thousand six hundred & sixty six dollars $\frac{66}{100}$ being the sum awarded to him for part of his land & buildings taken by the Selectmen to widen Merchants Row—

The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright a Commee. to take suitable measures to mark the boundaries of the new Divisions of the Wards of the Town, by affixing boards at the Corners of the Streets and such other places as they shall Judge necessary. Also to have the description of the Wards printed and distributed—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 22d. 1806—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Wright, Oliver,

Approved of several Persons for licenses as Inholders & retailers of Spirits—

The Commee. relative to designating the bounds of the new wards, reported the information they had received of the expense of bounds & painting—and were desired to proceed upon the business—

On application of the heirs of John Rowe Esq. for the removal of the Engine house now standing on their land, Mr. Hunnewell was desired to look out for a suitable place for the same—

Mr. Tileston to apply to Mr. Patty for liberty to place the Cataract Engine house on his land near Liberty Square—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 27. 1806—Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston, Wright, Oliver Chapman

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 29. 1806—Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Hunnewell, Chapman, May,

Passed upon other Accounts—

An order of notice having been published respecting an application for liberty to make a Street across the Mill Pond, [289.] the Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright, were desired to attend the Meeting of the Committee of the General Court upon the subject, to explain the Towns right in the Pond, & defend the Towns interest therein—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 5. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver,

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 12. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Chapman, May, Hunnewell, Wright, Porter, Oliver,

The Committee chosen last Meeting to attend the subject of the Street across the Mill Pond, was desired to apply to the Attorney General & to William Sullivan Esq. for advice, & to proceed accordingly—

A Comm^{ee}. of the General Court having advertized that they should meet on Monday next, at a place named in Dorchester for the purpose of widening the route of a proposed continuation of the Brush hill Turnpike to lead to the Northern end of Front street in Boston:—the Chairman, M^{r}. Porter, M^{r}. Oliver, M^{r}. Wright & M^{r}. Hunnewell were desired to attend the Comm^{ee}. & were authorised to consent to the proposed Turn Pike on the following conditions.—

That on making the Street from Roxbury landing Place to the S°. End of Front Street, the Earth to form the same should be taken wholly from the Flatts on the East side thereof—That there never should be a Toll Gate erected within the line which divides Boston from Roxbury—

That the whole length of said Street, from Front Street to the Roxbury line should be lighted by Lamps, placed at the same distance from each other, as was determined by the law granting the continuation of the Norfolk & Bristol Turn-pike on the West side of the Neck.—

That the Town of Boston should have liberty at any time to lead Streets from Washington Street Easterly to the Turn Pike without any expence for the priviledge of entering thereon

[**290.**] That should the Town of Boston at any time hereafter, dig a Canal across the Neck to unite the Waters with the East & West sides, they should have liberty to dig through the Turn pike making suitable abutments & Bridges at the expense of the Town

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 19, 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman,

At a legal Meeting, 21 Grand Jurors & 48 Petit Jurors for Supreme Judicial Court—drawn out of the Box, which are entred and posted in Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 24. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Wright,—

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 26. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright, Porter, Chapman, May, Oliver,

Passed upon other Accounts

Warrant was issued for March Meeting to meet at Faneuil-Hall Monday the 10th. of March Instt. for the choice of Town Officers —10. o.' Clock A: M.

Mr. Newell to print Notifications for March Meeting—

The Chairman was desired to request Dr. Eckley to open Town Meeting with prayer—

Upon the application of Mr. George Carter, he was approbated as an Auchtioneer to the end of last term—

Mr. George Trott Hay-weigher having exhibited his Accounts to Decemr. 31st. 1805—they were examined, & it appeared that the proportion of the Receipts of the Hay Scales which he recived for his services amounted to 672 Dollars & that there was due to the Town after deducting expenses the amount of 200 Dollars—the Accounts were approved and directed to be handed to the Treasurer for Settlement—

[291.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 10th Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, May, Oliver, Chapman,

Approved of the Indentures of Thomas Wreath to Daniel Raymond Stucco worker, to expire the 22d. of March 1809 also of Christopher Gill to the same D: Raymond to expire the 15t. Day of March 1810—

Voted that the Town Treasurer be requested and authorised to give his Note of hand to Russell Sturgis Esq. for the amount of the sum awarded to him for part of his Land and Buildings taken by the Selectmen to widen Merchants Row—the Note to bear interest from the first Day of April next & payable on demand—

Messrs: Adam French & James Farrar have liberty to build a Tomb in the North Burying Ground—Mr. Joshua Ellis has the like liberty—both to be on the East side of the Burying Ground—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 12. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright, Porter, May, Oliver,

No business at this Meeting matter of Record—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Select[men] March 19th. 1806—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright Kettle,

The Board came to the choice of a Chairman & the Votes being taken by ballot, it appeared that Charles Bulfinch Esq was chosen—

Warrant Issued for a Town Meeting on the 1t. Monday of April next being the 7th of April next, 9. o Clock. A: M: for the choice of Governor &c—

Mr. Newell to have the printing of Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting—

Mr. Emmerson —— to open the Meeting with prayer &
The Chairman —— a Commee. to wait upon him & request his attendance

[292.] The Chairman presented the printed list of Voters according to the return of the Assessors—the same were ordered to be posted at Faneuil Hall & at the office of the Board of Health, and the following advertisement to be inserted in the public papers—

List of Voters in the Town of Boston—

The Selectmen hereby inform their fellow Citizens, that in pursuance of the Law of this Commonwealth, there are posted at Faneuil-Hall & at the Office of the Board of Health complete copies of the list of persons qualified to vote in the choice of Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators & Representatives—the Inhabitants are particularly reminded, that these lists are from a *new return*, made by the Assessors according to law, conformable to the new division of Wards; every Person is desired to examine whether his name is inserted in the list of the Wards in which he resides, and in case it should be omitted, to apply at the Selectmens Room Faneuil hall, any day previous to the election of Governors & Senators (Sundays excepted) between the hours of 12 & 1, at which time & place one or more of the Selectmen will attend to insert the names of any qualified voters which may have been omitted—

The Chairman was desired to furnish the Clerks of the several Wards with an extract of the law directing the choice of Assistant Assessors, and also to take measures to distribute notifications for the choice, to take place on the 1st. Wednesday of April—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 26. 1806—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle

On the application of a number of Gentlemen residing at West Boston, requesting that the Bell taken from the old Meeting house, might be raised in some convenient place in that quarter of the Town, untill the new House should be ready for it—the Chairman [**293.**] was desired to employ Mr. Samuel Todd to build a suitable Stage for that purpose, in any situation that can be found convenient—

Written application having been made by Mr. Stephen Codman & others for the use of Faneuil-hall on the Evening previous to the election of Governour &c. & Benjamin Austin & John Brazier Esqrs. having made the same request to the Board in Person at the last Meeting—the subject was now considered, and it was agreed that the request of Stephen Codman & others should be complied with, provided they should employ three faithful Men to watch the building through the night—the Men to be approved & under the direction of Mr. Hunnewell—

Approved the Indentures of Joseph Doak a Minor to Joseph Hudson Sailmaker. the term to expire the 13th. of December 1811—

Jurors were drawn to serve at the next Court of Common Pleas—& entred on the Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 31st. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright,—

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 9t. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright,

A letter was received from the Committee of the Church in Brattle Street respecting the repairs of Dorsets Alley—Mr. Tilden was desired to enquire of the Abutters on the Alley, whether the repairs should be done at the expense of the Town, or at the charge of the Abutters—

Mr. Tilden & Mr. Hunnewell were desired to view the Towns land on Water Street, and to endeavour to make an arrangement with Mr. Harris, who has purchased the Land adjoining for the permanent accommodation of the Cataract Engine—

On the application of Mr. Josiah Knapp for liberty to fill up the Dock at the bottom of Kneeland Street, on the East [**294.**] side of Front Street—Messrs: Porter, Hunnewell & Wright were desired to view the place & consider on what conditions it would be expedient to comply with said request

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 16. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle,

A communication was received from the Proprietors of the Ropewalks at the bottom of the Common, protesting against the Report of the Comm^{ee}. of the Town at the last Town Meeting—the same was read & ordered to be put on file with the said Report

The Comm^{ee}. on M^{r}. Knapps Petition Reported, that he have liberty to fill the Dock at the East end of Kneeland Street, reserving the same when completed as a public Street, without any exclusive priviledge of using or encumbring it—the Report was accepted—

M^{r}. Francis Wright J^{r}. was appointed an Auchtioneer for this Town,—

The attention of the Board having been called to the expediency of widening the Southerly side of the East end of State Street; it was agreed that whenever the Agents of the Long Wharff Proprietors or any other Persons shall indemnify the Town from the expense attending it, the Board would take measures to widen the Street—

It was agreed that such Military Companies as may wish for the use of the Armories in the upper story of Faneuil hall shall have the right of choice in succession according to the period of time which they had occupied rooms for the same purpose in the old building—that the Company which first had the use of an Armory should have the first choice & the rest in rotation—and for further explanation, it is determined to be the opinion of the Board that the ancient & hon^{ble}. Artillery Company, has the right of first choice—

Signed a Deed of a piece of Land on Fort hill to Uriah Cotting for the Sum of one thousand Dollars—

This being the time assigned by public Advertisement [**295.**] for coming to the choice of Constables for one Year the following Persons were chosen—Viz^{t}—

M^{r}. Thomas Stevenson—Sureties	Dudley Walker and Thom^{s}. Stevenson Junr.
M^{r}. Amos Lewis - - - - - - -	Thomas Lewis & Joshua Ellis
Levi Joy - - - - - - - - -	Edward Wentworth Joseph Bennet—
Samuel White - - - - - - - -	Abraham Babcock Eben^{r}. Slough—

Elisha Copeland - - - - - - -	Abram Gibson John Perry
Moses Thayer - - - - - - - -	Nathl. Frothingham Samuel Sanger—
Farewell Brown - - - - - - -	William Wiley Thomas Edmunds
Benjn. B. Leeds - - - - - - -	Jere Gore, Benjn. Bass & Nathl. Tucker—
John Deverel - - - - - - - -	Perkins Nichols
Henry Lane - - - - - - - - -	——Whiting
Jirah Holbrook - - - - - - - -	Edward Staples Jon^{a}. Merry—
Solomon Twist - - - - - - - -	Moses Gardner Jonas Twist—
James Sumner - - - - - - - -	George Homer Thomas Howe

Voted, That the Town Clerk be directed not to Administer the Oath of Office to either of the Persons above chosen until he shall produce a certificate from the Town Treasurer that he has given Bonds as the law directs—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 23^{d}. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Oliver, Wright, May, Kettle,

Six extra Jurors for C. C. P. drawn & posted in Jury Book

The Board were occupied in considering the best mode of obtaining a correct list of Votes to be used in the election for [**296.**] Representatives, and agreed to return a Copy of the printed lists to the Assessors together with the additions made at the last Election; from which they should be desired to furnish such lists as in their Judgement would be correct—

The Chairman proposed a division of the Town into districts, each under the especial superintendence of one Selectman, for the purpose of paving & other Town work the particulars of which are on file; the same was adopted & each Gentleman to be furnished therewith—

On complaint that M^{r}. Low Sexton of the West Boston Society, persists in executing the duties of a funeral Porter although not licensed for that purpose—M^{r}. Porter & M^{r}. Wright were desired to prosecute him for so doing—

Messrs: Tilden Tileston & M^{r}. May a Committee to view M^{r}. Jonathan Balchs Wharff to inquire into any incroachments he

may have made or incumbrances on the flatts east of the Circular Line & to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston Porter Wright May Kettle

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver May, Wright, Kettle

Passed upon other Accounts—

Application having been made from the Captains of the Militia, requesting that a suitable number of Arms & military equipments should be provided for such Inhabitants as are unable to furnish themselves; Mr. Wright was desired at the last meeting to make enquiry into the expence—he now Reports, that the Town being provided with Arms, the cost of the other articles would be about 5 Dollars for each stand of Arms—It was agreed to suspend entring on the subject untill the Armories at Faneuil-hall should be completed—

Mr. Richard Austin & Mr. Timothy Green were chosen Sealers of weights & Measures for the current Year, [297.] to act in the same divisions of the Town as during the past Year—

Warrants were signed for Town Meetings for the choice of Representatives, & other matters—to meet on Wednesday the 14 & Thursday the 15t. of May next—9. o. Clock & 10. o Clock—

Dr. Kirkland to open the Meeting with Prayer, & Mr. Hunnewell a Committee to make the request—

Mr. Newell to have the printing of Notifications for May Meetings—

After a full consideration of the best mode to obtain a correct list of the persons qualified to vote for Representatives, it was agreed to hand the lists which have been returned by the Assessors, to the Gentlemen who checked the lists at the last Election, and to request them to correct the lists in their several Wards, and to return them to the Chairman—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7. 1806— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle May

A Commee. of the Proprietors of the Long Wharff appeared & presented a Remonstrance against the proceedings of the

Broad Street Association, who they stated were laying a Wharff beyond the limits of the Circular Line—a Plan of the Circular line was Exhibited, the Gentlemen having withdrawn the subject was considered, & the Chairman was directed to inform the Broad Street Association that the Board considered the Wharff now placing by their order as a trespass beyond the Ancient boundary—

The Chairman was desired to insert in the papers an Advertizement to forbid the throwing of Squibs Serpents or Crackers, according to the Law lately passed by the Legislature

The Board having viewed the northerly end of Pleasant Street in front of the heads of the late Rope-walks, it was agreed to be expedient that the same should be widen'd by drawing a line from the North East Corner of the Cellar of Isaac P. Davis's [298.] Walk to the Northeast corner of the Brick Store of Mr. P. B. Rogers—Mr. Emmons' Walk being reduced in length by this proceeding, he appeared & stated his objections; when it was agreed that he should be compensated for the damage which he should sustain—Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden & Hunnewell were desired to view the ground & to ascertain whether the improvement would be effected without unreasonable additional expense to obtain a foundation to Mr. Emmons Hemphouse—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20. 1806 Present Messr: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, May, Wright, Kettle,

Grand & Petit Jurors for the Circuit Court were drawn & entered & posted in the Jury Book—

A Commte. appointed by the Gentlemen Associated to make a Street across the Mill Pond, presented a survey of the Land adjoining each end of the proposed Street—which was examined, & after consideration agreed by the Board, that the Street should be sixty feet wide across the Pond & 40 feet wide from the shore of the Pond to the Bridge & from the easterly shore to Middle Street—the Chairman was desired to inform the proprietors, and to stake it out accordingly—

Mr. Charles Vose proprietor of a lot of land on the easterly side of Broad Street, abutting on State Street, appeared & informed that he had contracted with the proprietors of the Long Wharf, to take six feet 10. inches in width from the north end of his lot to add to the street upon their paying him the sum of 2500 dollars—Mr. Vose then signed & acknowledged a deed of that piece of land to the town, to be added to the high way, & a certificate of the same was given him to present to the Clerk of the Long wharf proprietors in order to demand payment—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 26. 1806—Present Bulfinch, Tilden Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright & Kettle,—

Passed upon Accounts—

The Chairman reported that upon viewing the situation of [**299.**] [a] proposed street across the Mill Pond, he found the ground at the westerly end would allow of its being 45 feet wide, but at the easterly end it could not be more than 30 feet without occasioning unreasonable expence to the proprietors—this Report being considered, it was agreed to lay out the street as follows—

The *north & west* line to begin on Charles River Bridge near the first lamp post from a point in the direction with the northwesterly capsill of the wharf belonging to the proprietors of said bridge, thence along said capsill & in the same direction *seventeen feet* from the westerly end thereof; then turning & continuing in a right line to a point *five* feet west of the most easterly corner of the mill house & through the same mill house to the pond—thence making a bend more westerly across the pond to the easterly corner of the factory on the mill creek & through the same to the west side of the Towns passage way leading to Middle Street

The north and the east line to begin at the toll house on Charles River Bridge—thence to run *fifty* feet to a Shop belonging to the Proprietors of said Bridge to a point thereon, *fifty* feet distant from the north line, thence turning & running in a right line *forty five feet* distant from the first described line untill it come to the Pond, then to widen on the easterly side to *sixty feet* across the pond, the line then to turn westerly along the shore of the pond to a point *thirty five* feet distant from the corner of the Factory; thence southerly through land of J. Bulfinch, and J. Howe to a point in said Howes westerly line which is *78 feet* from Middle Street, thence along said Howes west line to Middle Street—

Mr. Sylvanus Gray presented another memorial respecting the injury done to a number of wells at west Boston by the excessive use of Water from the well owned by Messrs: Cotting & others —after considerable conversation on the subject, the Chairman was desired to make particular examintion into the state of the wells at that part of the Town & to Report

[**300.**] Boston ss: At a special Meeting of the Selectmen [June 2d. 1806] Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Kettle

Mr. Tilden confined to his House by sickness, was unable to attend—

The Chairman informed the Board that he had understood from one of the Representatives of the Town in the General Court, that the return made to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the Votes for Governour Lieut^t. Governour & Senators in April last, was incorrect in some particulars of form, for which reason he had summoned a Meeting that suitable measures might be taken to Justify the conduct of the Selectmen in signing such return—

The Town Clerk being then applied to & affirming that the return in April last was in the form & manner which he had always used on such occasions—he was desired to write two Certificates to that effect which he did as follows—

I the Subscriber Town Clerk of the Town of Boston duly qualified & sworn, testify & declare, that I was Town Clerk of said Town, at the time of the adoption of the Constitution of this Commonwealth the 25th. of October 1780—and have been annually elected to that office to the present time, and that return has been made of the Votes received at the April Elections for Governour Lt. Governour & Senators in the same manner & form annually, and that it has never come to my knowledge that either of those returns were ever objected to—

signed
William Cooper Town Clerk

One of said Certificates was returned to the Senators of the County of Suffolk, and the other to the Representatives of the Town of Boston—

[**301.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 4 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, May, Kettle, Hunnewell, Wright,

Approved of the Indentures of John Murdough a Minor to Stephen Hall, Housewright; to be in force untill May 20th. 1810—

Agreed to lease the Stalls in the new part of Faneuil Hall Market, each shall be put up to lease at 50 Cents p Week, and the highest bidder over that sum to have the right of choice

A Billet was received from Messrs: Benjamin Russell & Thomas Danforth in behalf of a great number of Citizens requesting the use of Faneuil-hall on the 4^t. of July next, for a publick Dinner—granted—

Communication from the President of Broad Street Association was read explaining the proceedings of their Agents with respect to the Circular Line—the Report referred for further consideration—

Capt. Badger having applied for 10,000 Cartridges for the use of the Militia at a publick parade about the middle of June—M^{r}. Wright was desired to procure a sufficient quantity of Powder & to employ M^{r}. Burbeck to make the Cartridges, to be delivered to the several majors at the order of the Chairman—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11th. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Kettle, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright

Jurors drawn for Court of Common Pleas & entred on Jury Books—

The Chairman presented a Report of the state of the Wells at West Boston in Hancock Street, Lynde Street &^{c}. with a plan of those Streets & the Houses adjacent to exhibit the number of Wells & their actual conditions, the same was veiwed by the Gentlemen present—and agreed to examine it further previous to next Meeting, when the remonstrance on that subject is to be acted upon—

[**302.**] A number of Gentlemen Abutters upon the Passage way leading from Kilby Street, lately to Doanes Wharf, now into Broad Street, having requested that the same should be made a publick Street; the Selectmen having considered that the greater part of said Street has been pav'd at the expense of the Abutters, and that by accepting it, any incumbrances might be more readily removed by the Authority of the Town, it was agreed to record the same as a publick high way, by the name of Doane Street—

M^{r}. Oliver & M^{r}. Kettle a Committee to view the Cellar now digging for a Store for William Brown Esq at the Corner of Broad Street & Doane Street & to consider the expediency of taking any part of M^{r}. Browns Land to widen the east side of the Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 18. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Tileston, Kettle,

Agreeable to Precept from the Honble. Judge of Probate from the County of Suffolk, Inquisition was made into the circumstances of Robert Steele, and return made to the Judge that the said Robert Steele was non compos & that a Guardian ought to be appointed for him

The Town Clerk was directed to give Certificates of reappointment as Auchtioneers, to such as have been appointed during the past year & wish to renew their Licenses

The Comm^ee^. to view Doane Street, & to consider the expediency of taking part of Deacon Browns land to widen the easterly end of said Street—Reported that they had consulted Deacon Brown upon the subject, who was exceedingly averse to parting with any of his land for the purpose—The Committee were of opinion that the proposed widening should have been done before the Land was sold by the Broad Street Association, and that it was not expedient to exert the powers of the Board on this occasion—the Report was considered, & after hearing the Applicants the same was accepted—

Several Gentlemen who presented the Remonstrance at a late Meeting respecting their loss of Water at [**303.**] West Boston now appeared to urge that some conclusive trial might be made to prove how far the constant use of the Great Well in Chambers Street affected them—after hearing the Gentlemen & considering the subject, the Chairman was desired to notify Messrs: Cotting Lowell & Jackson that the Board expected they would stop the use of their Well, or of the privilege of the Pipes through the Streets from Saturday Evening next, for one fortnight ensuing: That two impartial persons should be chosen by the Proprietors of the Well and by the Remonstrants to sound daily at the Wells in that Neighbourhood that were open, to keep an accurate account of the depth of Water, to be handed to the Selectmen at the expiration of the time

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 21. 1806—Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, May, Kettle,

This Meeting was called to draw Jurors for the District Court—after completing that business—proceeded to sign Deeds of three Lots of Land sold on the 19th. Ins^t^. on Fort-hill—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 25^t^. 1806—Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter Tileston Oliver, Hunnewell, May Kettle, Wright

On the application of a number of the Abutters upon the Street at the foot of the Steps on the North side of Beacon-hill, which Street leads from Middlecot to Hancock Street—it was determined that Street should in future be called & known by the Name of *Derne* Street—

Upon Report of Comm^ee^. appointed to view, it was agreed that a drain be laid from Warren Street Southerly into Pleasant Street to convey off the over ground Water, provided the Proprietors of the Land through which it shall pass, shall convey to the Town the use of such Land for ever—M^r^. Porter was desired to have the same done at the Towns expense, on the most favourable terms—

On the application of Isaac P. Davis & P. B. Rogers for liberty to extend their covered Ropewalks, by building a Shed over the [**304.**] Platforms at the Westerly end of their Walks, it was determined that it was not expedient to grant such indulgence— & that it exceeded the powers of the Board, the length of the covered walk having been determined by the Town in the original grant to the Proprietors—

An application, that the ground in the mall, might be staked out & let to such purchasers as would wish to occupy the same for Tents on the 4th. of July next under certain regulations, was referred untill the sense of the Town could be known on the subject—

A Petition from a number of young men praying for liberty to throw Fire works of any description on the Common on the Evening of the 4t. of July, was read & considered; and it was agreed in consideration of the discretionary power given to the Selectmen by law, to allow the throwing of all kinds of fire works in the Common on that Evening, provided it should be at the distance of 200 feet from the Rails—

The Chairman read a Copy of a letter which he had sent to Messrs: Cotton Lowell & Jackson on the subject of their well near Chambers Street—& also their answer, both of which are on file—In their answer they decline consenting to the proposal to stop the use of the Water—after debate it was agreed that the Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright, be a Commee. to consult Judge Davis respecting the nature of the grant of Pipes from said Well & to ascertain the Towns rights to revoke the privilege given on the 24t. of April 1805, as by minute in the Selectmens Books—

Signed a Warrant for Town Meeting on the 4t. of July next being the Anniversary of American Independence

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30t. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Kettle, May

Passed upon Accounts—

The Committee appointed the last Meeting to consult Judge Davis respecting the right of the Selectmen to suspend the privilege [**305.**] given to Mr. Cotton & Lowell—Reported that Judge Davis had fully considered the subject, & had given his opinion that the privilege of laying Pipes for the conveyance of Water through certain Streets having been granted as an indulgence to those Gentlemen & without any consideration therefor, to the Town, that the Selectmen had a right to suspend or wholly stop such indulgences—whereupon Voted, that the Chairman be

desired to inform Mr. Cotton Lowell & Jackson that the privilege granted them of laying Pipes in Chambers Street &c. to their works will be suspended from and after the 15t. Day of July next—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Kettle, Tileston, Oliver,

Passed upon other Accounts

The Selectmen having given liberty to Mr. Thomas Heath to lay a Drain from the Northwesterly corner of the Burying Ground on Cops Hill to the Water for the purpose of draining the Tombs on said Burying Ground, the whole expence of which by an Account rendered and examined amounted to Ninety six Dollars—They do hereby adjudge that said expence shall be borne by the Proprietors of the Tombs benefited thereby as follows—

Enoch Rust	1	$5 ,, 33—
Thomas Godfrey	1	5 ,, 33
Caleb Loring & Benjn. Smith	1	5 ,, 33
Crocker & Valentine	1	5 ,, 33
Samuel Brintnal	1	5 ,, 33
Henry Swift	1	5 ,, 33
Norcross. Sampson & Benford	1	5 ,, 33
Asa & Cyrus Holbrook	1	5 ,, 33
Francis & Enoch James	1	5 ,, 33
——Davis, Warren Jacobs & Seth Lothrop	1	5 ,, 33
Elijah Lewis	1	5 ,, 33
Jacob Hiler	1	5 ,, 33
Daniel Ballard & J. Washburne	1	5 ,, 33
Isaiah Thomas	1	5 ,, 33
[306.] Benjamin Varney & Elizt. Rogers	1	5 ,, 33
Shelton Homes & Foster,	1	5 ,, 33
Jacobs Binford & Green	1	5 ,, 33
Edward Hart	1	5 ,, 33
	18 Shares	

And we hereby empower the said Thomas Heath to receive the above sums of the Persons aforenamed, and to give discharges therefore—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
JOHN TILESTON
EBENR. OLIVER
JOHN MAY
FRANCIS WRIGHT

Mr. Bulfinch Oliver & Tileston, Committee to confer with the Agents of Long Wharf Corporation relative to widening State Street, from Mr. Voses Store to Long Wharf

On a proposal from John Lowell Esq. respecting the School-house in School Street—the Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright were desired to view the Land & to consider Mr. Lowells proposition & to Report—

Repeated remonstrances having been received against the great number of Hackney Carriages that usually stand in Kilby Street, Liberty Square & Adams's Street—the subject was fully considered, & it was determined that in future 15 Carriages only should be allowed to stand at one time in those Streets; and to make this restriction operate equally it was agreed that the Carriages numbered from 1 to 15 should have liberty for one week, the Carriages from 16 to 30 to stand there the 2d. Week, from 31. to 45 to stand there the 3d. Week & from 46 to 60 to stand there on the 4th. Week in succession—after which they should begin again the rotation.—It was also agreed that the Owners & Drivers of the other Carriages should be allowed to stand in the following places & as many & no more in such places as hereafter assigned—Viz t.—

On [**307.**] the Square East of Dr. Kirklands Meeting house. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 8.
on Tremont Street front of Chapel Burying Ground - - 6 —
in Bowdoin Square - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 6
in the North Square - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 6 —

Mr. Tilden was desired to view the Ground in Liberty Square &c. and to point out the most convenient stands for Carriages;—the Chairman to direct the Assistant Police Officer to arrange them accordingly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle,

Messrs: Oliver Hunnewell, & May a Commee. to confer with Mr. Harris respecting the Towns Land & Water Course near Water Street to agree with him for a suitable place for the Cataract Engine House, or to procure from him an obligation to pay for said Land & Water Course at the same rate which Mr. Phillips paid by the award of the Referees—

The request of a number of Gentlemen of the South part of the Town for liberty to place a Fish Box near the entrance of South Bridge was considered; that situation was not approved for the purpose, but liberty was given to place it at the Easterly end of Castle Street over the Water—

A Committee was received from the Board of health in conformity thereto. Voted, that the Funeral Porter, be directed to make weekly returns to the Secretary of the Board of Health of all persons buried by them, in such manner as the Board of Health shall direct—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 16. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle May

Communication having been made by Messrs: Lowell &^{c}. that they had desisted from the use of the Water of the Well near Chambers's Street, & requesting that measures might be taken to ascertain the effect of their well on others in the Neighbourhood [**308.**] It was Voted that Messrs: Tilden Oliver & Hunnewell be a Comm^{ee}. to direct such experiments & enquiries as they should think proper, & that the Parties be notified to meet on Friday next at Noon to agree upon the mode of proceeding under the direction of said Comm^{ee}.—

A Comm^{ee}. of Proprietors of Long Wharf appeared & stated that M^{r}. Welch the Owner of a Store at the westerly end of State Street was taking measures to repair his Store at considerable expense, part of which they supposed ought to be taken down to widen the Street for public convenience;—that they had been at the expence of 5000 Dollars to widen the Street, so far as was already done, & were willing to leave to Referrees to state what further proportion they ought to bear if the Town would agree to pay the remainder—the Gentlemen having withdrawn it was Voted, that the Comm^{ee}. of Long Wharff be informed, that the Board think proper to abide by their Vote of the 16th. of April last—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23^{d}. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Kettle, May, Wright,

Approved the Indentures of William Hill to Edward Jenkins Blacksmith to be in force untill July 1813, when he will arrive at the Age of twenty one Years—

Application from Long Wharff Proprietors—read, & referred to Monday next—

The Committee to examine M^{r}. Tilestons Accounts of Franklins Donation Reported that they were correct, that loans had been made to 120 Persons, 68 of whom had now balances of the Sums loaned to them; that there were 1153 Dollars in the hands of the Treasurer & 302 Dollars due, ready to be collected—the choice of a Treasurer referred to Monday next—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 28. 1806—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, May, Kettle, Wright, Porter, Oliver

Passed upon Accounts—

[**309.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tileston, May, Oliver, Porter, Kettle, Wright—

Passed upon other Accounts—

The Chairman M^{r}. Tileston & M^{r}. Wright a Comm^{ee}. to view Oliver Street to consider the expediency of widening the upper part thereof—

M^{r}. Jonathan Phillips appeared & represented that a number of signs annexed to the Stores in Liberty square, had been injured in the evening by some persons unknown; he requested in behalf of the neighbourhood, that the Board would take such measures as they should think proper—it was agreed to advertise a reward of 100 Dollars upon conviction of any one who had perpetrated the above mischief—M^{r}. Phillips having agreed that the reward should be paid by the Gentlemen who had received the insult, and whose property had been injured.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 7. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Wright, May, Porter,

M^{r}. Porter Tileston & Kettle, were desired to confer with the Undertakers of the new Street across the Mill Pond, respecting the necessary openings or Sluices to be left through the Street, for admitting the Waters of the Pond, to the North & East of the Street

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 14. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright Kettle,

The Comm^{ee}. to view the street across the mill pond reported their opinion that two openings of 20 feet wide each would be necessary to prevent the accumulation of filth, on the north east side of the street—at this meeting a petition to the same effect was handed by a number of gentlemen living on the borders of the pond—M^{r}. Nichols the Agent for the proprietors of the street was present—Upon examining the grant of the street, by [**310.**] the General Court, it was found that the undertakers could not be compelled to make any additional openings, but the Selectmen recommended it to be done to prevent the fears of the Neighbourhood, and the agent agreed to leave the two openings as desired—

John Lowell Esq. having requested leave to remove the engine house in School street, back to the front line of the school & to put on a flat composition roof—the request was immediately complied with—

Another application being received from the Proprietors of Long Wharff, praying that the Board would proceed to take down part of M^r. Willm: Welchs Store in State Street—the subject was fully considered, and the Chairman M^r. Oliver & M^r. Wright chosen a committee to confer with the applicants to understand how far they meant to extend the improvements & what further measures would be necessary—and to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 20^t. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Kettle,

M^r. Andrew Sigorney applied in behalf of the Proprietors of the Building called Boston Theatre in Federal Street, for the approbation of that Building, to be used for one Year from the 1st day of Septem^r. next, for the purpose of exhibiting Stage plays Interludes & other Theatrical performances—at the same time M^r. Snelling Powels applied in behalf of the Company under his management for the approbation of the Board, that they might perform one year from the 1st. Day of Septem^r. next, various kinds of Theatrical performances in the Building in Federal Street, called the Boston Theatre—

The applications were made in pursuance of a law of this Commonwealth passed in March last—the subject being considered, it was Voted, to comply with their request, and Certificates of approbation were signed by a major part of the Selectmen—

The Comm^ee. appointed to direct the measures to be taken to examine and ascertain the effect of the use of the great well in Chambers Street upon other wells in that Neighbourhood Reported

[311.] That the parties had agreed, that Messrs: Allen Pollock & James Sumner should make the proposed examination & were now ready to make report of their proceedings—Mess: Pollock & Sumner being present, the papers presented by them were read, & various enquiries made of them upon the subject—but no decision had—another statement was also received & read, from Capt. Barnard

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 22^d. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle

Passed upon Accounts—

Representation having [been] made at the last meeting that James Newman from idleness & habits of intemperance was in danger of squandering & wasting his property & that application should be made to the Judge of Probate for the appointment of a Guardian—the subject was referred to Mess: May & Kettle for inquiry—they reported that they had inquired of his Mother and other friends & had fully ascertain'd that the representation made to the Board was Just—whereupon it was agreed to apply to the Judge of Probate for the appointment of a Guardian to the said James Newman—

The subject of the great well in Chambers Street was again resumed, the late returns were read & after considerable discussion, the Comm^ee. was requested to take the papers & to call a meeting of the parties to endeavour to effect a compromise or agreement between the Owners of the Great Well & the persons who it can be ascertained to be affected thereby—

A paper was received from [the] Proprietors of Long Wharf in which they engage to defray the expenses of widening the south side of the east end of State Street; if the Board would take legal measures to effect it—Voted to proceed to widen the Towns part of State Street, the Chairman M^r. Oliver & Wright [to] be a Comm^ee. to apply to the Proprietors of the Stores to be taken down & to pursue the steps of the law to effect the improvement

[**312.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 3, 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, May, Kettle,

Return was made by M^r. Thayer the Constable of the number of lamps in several wards—the same was examined—

Measurement of Love Lane was handed in, with an estimate of the expense of paving it—the same was referred to Messrs: May & Kettle to consider the expediency of widening that Street and removing obstructions previous to paving it

The Chairman was desired to attend to paving the Avenue to Brattle Street leading from Elm Street—also to confer with the Committee of Brattle Street Church, relative to an effectual Repair of the Alley leading north from Court Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 10. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, May, Kettle, Tilden,

Whereas the applications for the use of the military hall for exercises, are so numerous that the several Companies cannot be accommodated in the evenings of one week—It was agreed that

each company be restricted to one evening in the fortnight, and the Chairman was desired to certify the commanders of the different corps of the arrangement, & assign to them the same evening which they formerly assembled on, as far as could be done under the present increased number of Applicants—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 17th. 1806—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Kettle—

M^r. Wright was desired to procure a sufficiency of powder for the parade to take place early in October, & to have the same made into Cartridges to be delivered to the orders of the several Majors of the Sub-Legions—

Messrs: Tileston, Hunnewell, & Wright a committee to [313.] view Leveret Street by M^r. Dunlops to consider & direct the digging away the Street—

M^r. Oliver added to Committee, on the Neck, to view and direct repairs—

M^r. Jackson one of the Proprietors of [a] Well in Chambers Street, appeared & stated, that as it appeared from the returns of M^r. Pollock that few persons were affected by their use of the water and prayed that a decision might be had in favour of himself & his Associates—the subject was considered & argued—and after several motions made to bring it to a close which did not obtain the subject subsided—

Return was made by Joseph Bradley of the Expense attending the opening & Repairing the Common Sewer from Brattle Street to the Dock Square: the account thereof being duly examined by them was allowed: they being informed at the same time, that every person concerned in said Drain had been duly warned according to Law, and no objection had been returned to his proceeding—Assessment was made thereon, an Order of payment was made out and delivered to the aforesaid Bradley, which is as follows—

Whereas a Drain or Common Shore from Brattle Street to Dock Square has been repaired conformable to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expense whereof amounts to two hundred Dollars seventy six cents; and as such expense is to be borne by such Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer and receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them who are empowered by Law to Apportion the same, Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston hereby Certify that having considered the said Expense & by whom and

in what manner it ought to be paid—DO ADJUDGE, that the same shall be paid [**314.**] in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter Named—Viz^{t}—

		D.	C
John Joy - - - - - - -	1 Share - - -	33 ,,	46
Samuel Eliot - - - - - -	2 ditto - - -	66 ,,	92
Daniel Greanleaff - - - -	1 ditto - - -	33 ,,	46
John Brazier - - - - - -	1 ditto - - -	33 ,,	46
Charles Cushing - - - - -	1 ditto - - -	33 ,,	46

And the aforesaid J. Bradlee is hereby authorized to receive the above, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
JOHN TILESTON
EBENEZER OLIVER
JONATH^{N}. HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY—
Selectmen of Boston

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 24 1806 present Messrs: Tilden, Porter, Kettle, Wright, Tileston, Oliver, May, Hunnewell,

Deacon Kettle & Col^{o}. May, appointed a Committee to direct in the laying side Stone &^{c}. before M^{r}. Darlings Land—

M^{r}. White & M^{r}. Welsh's Letters, referred to the Committee on State Street, they to consider and act thereon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 29^{t}. 1806 Present Mess: Tilden, Porter, Tileston, May, Kettle, Wright, Hunnewell, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

James Carricks Indentures to Capt. William Hathway as an Apprentice were presented to the Selectmen, by them approved & placed on the Town files—

On application of T. Sumner & others for liberty to dig a Well at the lower part of Beacon Street—Mess: Tileston Oliver & Hunnewell appointed a Comm^{ee}. thereon—Reported, that liberty might be given them, under proper restrictions—

[**315.**] Communication in writing from M^{r}. Josiah Snelling respecting a proposal of M^{r}. Darling, for some alteration in Salem Street—referred to Mess: Tileston & Kettle—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 1^{t}. 1806—Present Messrs: Porter, Tileston, May, Oliver, Kettle, Hunnewell, Wright,

Passed upon other Accounts—

The Committee on the Petition of Cotton Lowell and Jackson to have the Crown of Leveret Street taken off—Report that it is unnecessary

The Comm^{ee}. on the application for widening Green Street Report, that it is not necessary to be done on the Towns expense

Messrs. Hancock & others application, relative to Beacon Hill, referred to the next Town Meeting—

Wednesday next, Assigned, to come to the choice of a Superintendent of the Lamps for one Year—

Agreed to meet, for business at 3. o'.Clock P: M:

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 8. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Kettle—

Agreed to allow seventy five Dollars towards paving Pecks Lane, when completed to satisfaction of the Board—

The Chairman was desired to call upon J. Phillips Esq. & ask him to appear in behalf of the Town at the next Court of Common Pleas, to answer in an action of Oliver Wendell Esq respect^{g}. Land formerly sold by the Town to John Row Esq. on Battery March Street—

Agreable to Assignment came to the choice of a Superintendent of the Lamps, when David Tilden Esq. was chosen

Mess: Oliver, Hunnewell & Wright were chosen a Comm^{ee}. to consider & Report suitable regulations of the Lamps & Lamp Lighters—

The Chairman was desired to inform the Proprietors of Stores intended to be taken down to widen State Street, that from the lateness of the season, the Board had concluded to suspend their proceedings untill the Spring—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octob^{r}. 15. 1806—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Kettle—

[**316.**] Jurors drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court, and entered and posted in the Jury Books—

The Chairman, Mr. Oliver, & Mr. Hunnewell a Commee. on the application of the India Wharff Proprietors to confer with them relative to widening Battery March Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 22d. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle, Oliver,

A Warrant signed for a Town Meeting the 3d. Day of November next, 11. o'.Clock for the choice of a Representative for Congress, for the District of Suffolk—

Revd. Mr. Lowell to open Town Meeting with prayer—

Mr. Newell to print the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting—

Approved the Indenture of Stephen Williams to Prince Hall to continue in force untill the 15th. of February 1810 as on file

Petition received from a number of Gentlemen residing on or near Bowdoin Square, that the Hacks might be removed from that place, — referred for consideration to Wednesday next—

The Commee. upon Lamps Reported a number of regulations which were read & considered & handed to Mr. Tilden to be communicated to the Lighters, that they may be informed of the services required of them

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 27. 1806— Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tileston, Porter, Wright, Kettle, Hunnewell, Tilden, May, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

On application from the Judge Advocate of this Division of Militia stating that a Court Martial was to be held to Morrow, & that the County Court house was so occupied as to render it impossible to meet there & no other public Room could be obtained for the purpose—therefore requesting the use of the Center Reading School—the Subject considered & liberty granted for the use of the School-house—the Chairman was desired to inform the Masters to Assemble all the Children in the writing School and to use their exertions to keep them in order, & that they should not suffer by this arrangement—

[**317.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 29. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Hunnewell, Porter, Tileston, Wright, May, Kettle, Oliver,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Notice having been given to the Board, that Jonathan Harris Esq. had made an opening in Water Street & placed a sink for the purpose of conveying the over ground Water into the Common Sewer in that Street—the Board having considered the same, are of opinion that this proceedure is in violation of his agreement made with the Committee of the Selectmen, and that the great flow of Water will cause a stoppage of the Common Sewer; they therefore direct the Comm^{ee}. to state the above to M^{r}. Harris & in case he does not immediately comply with his agreement, to proceed immediately to remove the sink and close the opening in the Drain

Agreed that the Association of Officers should have the use of one of the Armories over the Hall to deposit their Arms

On the application for removal of Hacks from Bowdoin Square & Tremont Street, it was determined that they should no longer be allowed to stand in those places but that 15 should be allowed in Liberty Square, 6 in North Square & the remainder by the Mall, in one line from the Gate opposite Winter Street southerly—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 5. 1806—
Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Kettle

Passed upon licenses for Retailers &^{c}.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 23^{d}. 1806—

Return was made by M^{r}. Daniel Bachtold of the expense attending the opening & repairing the Common Sewer in Love Lane & Bennet Street, the Account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed, they being informed that every person concerned in said Drain had been duly warned according to Law, & no objection had been made to his proceeding ASSESSMENT was made thereon an Order of payment was made out and delivered to the aforesaid Bachtold, which is as follows

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Shore in Love Lane & [**318.**] Bennet Street has been repaired conformable to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expense whereof amounts to one hundred & twenty three Dollars 61 cents. and as such expences are to be borne by such Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Shore & receive benefit thereby in such proportions as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of

them who are empowered by law to apportion the same, therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston certify that having considered the said expence, & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid DO ADJUDGE that the same ought to be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—

Samuel Andrews	1	Share	3	Dollars
Edward Burt	1	d°.	3	d°.
Daniel Bachtold	1		3	
Sarah Vaux	1		3	
Joshua Ellis	1		3	
Rufus Baxter	1		3	
Nancy Larkin	1		3	
Thomas Pook	1		3	
William Collin[s]	1		3	
Edward Proctor	1		3	
Henry Jones	1		3	
Nath[l]. Hews	1		3	
Jon[th]. Pitman	1		3	
John Tuton	1		3	
Thomas Lambord	1		3	
John West	1		3	
Susannah Myrick	1		3	
Hepzibah Barlin	1		3	
Margaret Skillen	1		3	
Ephraim Snow	1		3	
Sarah Leach	1		3	
William Waters	1		3	
Jeddediah Parker	1		3	
Joshua Atkins	1		3	
Edward H. Robins	1		3	
M[r]. ——Lillie	1		3	
[319.] M[r]. S Saunders	1		3	
M[r]. [Jacob] Hiller [Heyler]	1		3	
Will: Mackaey	1		3	
M[r]. Jones	1		3	
M[r]. Coomby	1		3	
Samuel Gardner	1		3	
John Bishop	1		3	
Rev[d]. D[r]. Eliot	1		3	
Joseph Lee	1		3	
Charles Leach	1		3	
Benj[n]. Cushing	1		3	
John Newell	1		3	
Cap[t]. Hill	1		3	
John Touro	1		3	
James Williams				
M[r]. Derrine	1		3	

And we hereby appoint the aforesaid Daniel Bachtold to demand

& receive of the Persons above named the Sums set against their Names, and to give discharges therefor

THOMAS [CHARLES] BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
JOHN TILESTON
EBEN^R. OLIVER
JON^T. HUNNEWELL
JOSEPH KETTLE
} Selectmen of Boston

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r. 27. 1806

Return was made by Joseph May Esq of the Expence attending the opening & repairing the Common Sewer in Peirces Alley, the Account of which having been duly exam^d. by the Selectmen was by them allowed, they being informed that every Person concerned in said Drain had been duly informed according to law, and no objection having been made to his proceeding Assessment was made thereon, an Order of Payment was made out and delivered to the aforesaid Joseph May which is as follows

[**320.**] Whereas a Drain or Common Shore in Peirces Alley has been repaired conformable to law the whole Expence whereof amounts to five hundred & twenty eight Dollars $\frac{61}{100}$ and as such Expence is to be born by such Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them who are impowered by them to apportion the same therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston hereby Certify, that having considered the said Expence & by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid DO ADJUDGE that the same shall be paid in the proportion following and by the Persons hereafter named

	Shares	
Boston Bank President & Directors	2	132 ,, 16—
Boston Marine Insurance Office	2	132 ,, 16
Petties Heirs	2	132 ,, 16
Joseph Bradford	1	66 ,, 8
D^r. Noyes	½	33 ,, 4
T & J Bradley	½	33 ,, 4
		528 ,, 64

And we hereby appoint the aforesaid Joseph May Esq to demand & receive of the Persons above named the Sums set against their Names and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
JOHN TILESTON
EBEN^R. OLIVER
JON^T. HUNNEWELL
JOSEPH KETTLE
} Selectmen of Boston

Passed on List of Inholders & Retailers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 12. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden Tileston, Wright, Kettle, May, Oliver,

Messrs. Porter & Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to view S^{o}. Burying Ground & consider whether any additional number of Tombs may be made & to Report—

[**321.**] M^{r}. Bulfinch & Oliver to have a piece of Brick Wall built & new Gates made to the Chapel Burying Ground on School Street—

Application for use of N^{o}. Reading School to Morrow Evening for the purpose of delivering an Address before the Library Association—refused on the principle of the public School Houses not being safely or properly appropriated for the use of private persons or Associations—

On a representation from the Chairman that several owners of Hackney Carriages had taken out more licenses than they had Carriages for the purpose of altering the numbers to evade the regulation respecting the stand in Liberty Square—the Chairman was directed to notify all such persons to return their supernumerary Licenses before Saturday next & in case of refusal to inform them that they will be deprived of all their Licenses on Monday & the same advertised in the public papers

The Board being informed that workmen were now employed to carry up an additional Story to the Store in State Street owned by M^{r}. William Welch, the Chairman was directed to notify M^{r}. Welch & M^{r}. Ellis the Tenants that the Board having resolved to take down the part of that Building to widen the Street they should consider all expence now laid out upon it at the risque of the Owner; & should protest against paying any part of it—the Chairman was also desired to consult Counsel whether immediate possession on the part of the Town could be taken of that part of the Building intended to be taken down & still let the Owner & Occupant be in the use of it during the Winter, and to Report to the Comm^{ee}. on that business—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 14 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Kettle

The Chairman represented to the Board, that in pursuance of their directions of the 12^{t}. Ins^{t}. he had notified M^{r}. Welch, that the Board protested against paying any part of the expence he was [**322.**] now going to, upon his Store in State Street—He also stated that he had consulted Counsel, whether possession

could be taken of the part proposed to be taken down, to prevent the unnecessary expence of the present addition & found that it could not be done

The Board after considering the subject determined to lay out & widen the Easterly part of State Street as follows—Begining at the N°. East corner of the Store of Mr. Charles Vose to run a line to the south capsill of the Long Wharff through the Stores of Mr. William Welch Mr. Enoch Huse & of Mr. Isaac White, & all the portion of said Buildings & of the land on which they stand, which lies north of the above described line to be added to State Street, it being the Judgment of the Selectmen that the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston require it—

And it was unanimously determined that Mr. Welchs Store being now uncovered & without a Roof, that the reasons for delaying the taking down that Store untill the Spring, did not any longer operate but that Workmen should be immediately employed to take off said Store to the line above described—being nineteen feet on the front and six feet ten inches on the west end—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 19th. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Kettle, May, Wright, Porter,

Communication received from Sam. Cobb Esq. offering to lay out a street through his land from Orange Street to Front Street, in exchange for land belonging to the Town near south bridge,—the Chairman was desired to inform Mr. Cobb that the Board did not think a street in the situation which he proposed, was so necessary for the publick as to authorise them to make any exchange of land or to pay any thing therefor—

Mr. Tilden stated from Jonth. Harris Esq that he was not yet able to give a deed of the piece of ground offered for the Cataract engine house in Milk street; but was willing that the engine house should be immediately placed thereon, that he would point out the position of it & would procure the deed as soon as possible—the Committee were desired to proceed to have the engine house removed immediately—

[323.] Jeremiah Allen Sheriff of the County of Suffolk appeared & presented an order from the Court of Sessions for a Jury of twelve men to [be] drawn from the Box of the Supreme Judicial Court to hear the claim of Jonathan & Luther Ellis for damages for part of the Store of which they are Lessees which has been taken down to widen State Street—the Jury was accordingly drawn & their names entered in the record of Juries—

The Chairman was desired to procure a survey of Battery March Street from the southerly end of Broad street to India Wharff to be laid before the Board on Wednesday next—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Novr. 24. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Wright Porter, May, Kettle—

Passed upon Accounts

It being Reported that the Attorney General had offered to the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, some objections to the return of Jurors drawn for that Court; the Chairman M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Oliver were desired to attend the opening of the Court to morrow, to be ready to answer any objections that might be offered with respect to the regular filling of the Boxes, and drawing of the Jurors—

Passed upon Accounts—

Other business done, and various matters discoursed on, but nothing determined, which is proper matter of Record—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 26. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston Porter, Oliver Hunnewell Wright Kettle—

Passed upon other Accounts—

Messrs: Bulfinch Oliver & Hunnewell a Committee to contract with some suitable Person to build a front wall to M^{r}. Welch's Store in State Street, on the new line of the Streets, & to direct & superintend the work—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 3^{d}. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Hunnewell Wright, May, Kettle, Tilden,

[**324.**] Joseph Rowe Esq applyed for a Paper from the files to be used in Court, being a bill of sale of land at the south battery dated Septem^{r}. 27. 1785—which was handed to him, to be accountable for the same—

Upon a representation from the Fire Wards, that an addition to the number of each company of engine men, would be of public utility, to enable them to appoint persons to have the entire command & use of axes & saws at fires—Voted, that an addition of two persons be made to each engine company, and that the captains be desired to nominate such as shall appear to them suitable for the purpose—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 10^{t}. 1806 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Hunnewell, Wright, Oliver,

Jurors drawn for Court of Common Pleas, and entered in the Jury Books; for January term—

The subject of widening Battery March Street, conversed upon no decision made—

Further regulations of Hackney Carriages proposed and considered, but no decision as matter of record—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 17th. 1806 Present Bulfinch, Tileston, Kettle, Hunnewell, Wright, Oliver,

A Certificate being presented from Mr. Amos Binney Secretary to the 2d. Methodist Society, that they had chosen Mr. David Clafling Sexton to their Society—at their request he is empowered to act as Funeral Porter

In consequence of complaints that have been received Voted, that no driver of an Hackney Carriage shall be allowed to alter the number on any carriage, but that each carriage may be known & distinguished by the number of the license taken out for the same

Voted, that in consideration of the severity of the season all the Hackney Carriages which now stand by the Mall may be allowed to stand in Liberty Square & Adams Street every Evening after sunset untill further orders—

[325.] Mr. Oliver was desired to confer with the applicants for widening Battery March Street, to ascertain for what amount on the part of the Town, they would undertake to complete that improvement—and to Report—

Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright, were desired to confer with the Abutters on Elm Street to ascertain for what amount paid by the Town, they would undertake to widen the easterly end of that Street thro' Mr. Halls Store, and to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 24. 1806 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Hunnewell, Kettle

Passed the monthly Accounts—

Filled vacancies in the Jury at the Court of Common Pleas

Acted upon a number of applications for License to retail Spirituous Liquors—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 30th. 1806

Nothing has been acted upon at this Meeting, which is matter of Record—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 7. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, May, Kettle,

M^{r}. Clap the Proprietor of Land at S^{o}. Boston made application for the alteration of a Street which passeth through his Land & interferes with an House built by him before said Street was laid out—After conversing on this subject, it was agreed to notify M^{r}. Bird who is interested in other land bordering on said Street, to appear on Wednesday next with M^{r}. Clap to examine the circumstances of the Street by the Plan

A number of Gentlemen appeared who had lately built Stores in Broad Street to request that a number of Lamps may be put up & lighted in that Street—they were informed of the practice which had become general, that the Abuttors on the Streets should provide lamps, & that if they would furnish such a number as the Board should approve, to be [326.] placed in suitable situations, that they should be lighted, and kept in repair at the expence of the Town—

Agreed to meet to morrow evening for the purpose of revising & separating the list for the Jury boxes as directed by a late vote of the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 8th. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Kettle

A Venire being received from the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, proceeded to draw thirty Jurors to serve at the same Court at the present term—

Commenced the examination of the Jury lists, proceeded thro' the four first wards and adjourned to Monday next 5. o'. Clock—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 12. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Tileston, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Kettle

Continued the selection of the Supreme Court Jury Box through Wards. N°. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9 & 10—

Adjourned to Wednesday next—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 14. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, Kettle,

A Committee from the Fire wards presented a copy of regulations adopted by that Board to prevent too great a number of Engines & their companies from going to the neighbouring towns in case of fire taking place there, the same committee asked the concurrence of the Selectmen to said regulations

Mr. Jonathan Bird & Messrs: Clap from South Boston appeared & made particular statements respecting the Streets which Messrs: Clap apply to have altered—a long discussion took place on this subject, and it was deferred for future decision

Proceeded to continue the examination of Jury lists, & went through the selection for Supreme Court Box in Wards 11 & 12 adjourned to Friday the 16th. Inst. to meet at five o'. Clock

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 16. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, May, Wright, Kettle—

[327.] The Jury list having been once selected, and a sufficient number not being yet obtained for the Supreme Court Box, the list was now reexamined, and an additional number selected for that purpose to complete the number of 1200 names, —Agreed to divide the lists among the Selectmen, each to select names that may [be] suitable, for the Common Pleas Box—and to Report them for approbation—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 23d. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter Tileston, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright May Kettle

In pursuance of a precept from the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of William Hickling mast maker, & return was made that he was incapable of taking care of himself & it was recommended to the Judge that a Guardian be appointed for him

Capt. Joseph Doble was appointed measurer of Wood coming into Town over Charles River Bridge

Mr. Clap from South Boston again appeared on the subject of the removal of the Street, the discussion of his Claim occupied the Board untill the adjournment—

By direction of the Board at the last Meeting the Chairman reported that he had notified the Assessors, that the law required of them a list of the persons qualified to vote in the choice of Govr. & Lt. Governor, to be handed to the Selectmen on the first day of March next; & that notice was given to them early, that they might take measures to have the list correct—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 26. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Wright—

Passed upon Accounts—

[**328.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 31 Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston Oliver May, Kettle - - -

Passed upon Accounts—

The Chairman was desired to apply to Christopher Gore, Samuel Dexter, Charles Jackson Esq to engage them to defend the Towns right to land on Beacon Hill against the claim of the Heirs of the late Governor Hancock—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 4. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston Oliver, Wright, May, Kettle

Voted to appropriate 350 Dollars for the purpose of procuring an elegant picture with frame complete of Peter Faneuil Esq—to be placed in a suitable position in Faneuil Hall—M^{r}. Wright was desired to employ M^{r}. Henry Seargeant [Sargent] to paint the same in the best manner & to complete it as soon as possible—

M^{r}. Oliver & M^{r}. Wright a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Agents for the enlargement of Faneuil-Hall

The Chairman Reported, that he had engaged Christopher Gore & Samuel Dexter Esq to defend the Towns rights to Land on Beacon Hill against the claims of the Heirs of the late Governour Hancock—and that they would attend the examination of the Towns papers on that subject as soon as the present Session of the Supreme Court should be at an end—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 9. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, May, Wright & Kettle—

Agreeable to Precept from the Clerk of the Supreme Court—22 Grand Jurors & 38 Petit Jurors were drawn to serve at the Supreme Court in March next—

[**329.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 11. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright May, Kettle,

A Petition was read from the Upper Class in the Latin School requesting that blinds may be furnished to the westerly

Windows of that School—agreed to grant the request of the Youths & that M^{r}. Porter be desired to procure the blinds to be made & painted

An application was made by John Lowell Esq. that measures might be taken for laying out a Street or passage way to the eastward of his House in School Street, thro.' Land of the Town —whereupon

Voted, that the Chairman procure a survey of the land of the Town & County & what land may be between School Street & Court Street—& the Chairman M^{r}. Oliver & M^{r}. Wright, are a Committee to confer with M^{r}. Lowell upon the subject—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 18. 1807—
Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Tileston, Oliver Kettle—

In pursuance of a precept received from the Honble. Thomas Dawes Junr. Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Elizabeth Allen Widow, & return was made that she was incapable of taking care of herself, & recommend that a Guardian should be appointed for her—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23^{d}. 1807—
Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Tileston, Kettle, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts for the month—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 25. 1806
Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Tileston, May Kettle.

Passed upon other Accounts—

M^{r}. Lane one of the Sextons appeared and made a request to the Board that the care of the burying grounds should not be confided to any particular Sextons for their private advantage—but that any emolument which were derived from them, might be added to a fund which they were about to form for the assistance of any [**330.**] of their number who might be disabled from business or become indigent—the subject referred for consideration

M^{r}. Brigs has liberty granted him to build a Bakers Oven at his house in Ship street; provided it be done agreably to law and under the directions of the Fire-wards—

The Chairman was desired to advertise to forbid any person taking mud from the Creeks or pond holes on the marshes on the Neck—

Warrant issued for Town Meeting, on Monday the 19th. of March next, 10. o.' Clock A: M at Faneuil-Hall for the choice of Town Officers &c—

Mr. Newell to print Notifications for March Meeting

Mr. Porter & Mr. Tileston to request Dr. Stillman to open the March Meeting with prayer—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Tileston, Oliver, Wright, May, Hunnewell,

The Board had a conference with the Heirs of Governor Hancock respecting their claim to Land on Beacon Hill, they exhibited the original Deed on which their claim is founded—and a general examination of their Claim took place and conversation relative to the subject—It was agreed that it would be necessary to examine Records of a number of Papers to make a general report to the Town at the next Meeting, & ask time for further investigation

The application of John Lowell Esq. for a Passage way from School Street on the Eastern Line of his Land was read & considered, the plan of the ground examined, after much conversation it was agreed, to be not expedient to decide upon the application at present, but to refer it to the Selectmen after the next Town Meeting—

Mr. George Trott Hay-weigher, having exhibited his accounts to January 1807, they were examined & it appeared that the proportion of the Receipts of the Hay Scales which he had received for his services amounted to 629D—54C & that there was due [**331.**] to the Town after deducting expences the Sum of 107D—20 Cents which the Treasurer is directed to receive from him—

Dr. Stillman being prevented by ill health from opening the Town Meeting on Monday next, with prayer,—The Chairman was desired to request the Revd. Mr. Eaton to perform that duty

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Hunnewell, May, Kettle,

This being the first Meeting of the Board since the Town Meeting of the 9t. Inst. for choice of Town Officers, a printed Copy of an "act in addition to the several Acts regulating elections", was read, dated June 24t. 1806—signed by Perez Morton Speaker of the House of Representatives, and by John Bacon President of the Senate.—Conformably to the 4t. Section

of said Act an oath was administred by John Gardner Esq. Justice of the Peace to each of the Selectmen present vizt—To Charles Bulfinch, David Tilden, William Porter, Eben^{r}. Oliver, Jon^{t}. Hunnewell John May, Francis Wright & Joseph Kettle, "that they would faithfully & impartially discharge the duties of their Office respecting all Elections, and the returns thereof"—And in conformity to the directions of said Act, I hereby Certify that the said Oath was administred to the Selectmen, previous to their entering upon the execution of their Office—

Attest

WILLIAM COOPER. Town Clerk—

The Board now came to the choice of a Chairman for the Year ensuing, by ballot; the Votes being taken, it appeared that Charles Bulfinch Esq. was chosen

Voted, that each Member of the Board be furnished with a Copy of the latest edition of S. Freemans Town Officer

The Chairman M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Wright a Committee to view & regulate the Market & Report any improvements of arrangem^{t} or otherwise—and to adjust the accounts of the Clerk of the Market

[**332.**] On the application of William Porter Esq it is agreed that the Bull Pasture on the Neck shall be let to them for one Year at the rate of thirty Dollars p annum, being the same rent and on the conditions of fencing &^{c}. as on the last Year—

The Chairman communicated to the Board a written application from Stephen Codman & Benjamin Russell in behalf of a number of their Fellow Citizens; also an application made to him by D^{r}. Charles Jarvis in person in behalf of others of the Inhabitants—requesting the use of Faneul-Hall on the Evening next preceeding the first Monday of April next—

The Question was first taken whether the hall should be used for the purposes proposed on that evening which was agreed to—There being two applicants one prior to the other it was considered that this did not give any advantage to either applicant—it was determined to take this vote by ballot, which being done, it appeared that the request of Stephen Codman & others was complied with—

Another Vote was now taken whether Stephen Codman & others being the only applicants in this instance should have the use of the Hall on the 4^{t}. Day of July next, which was unanimously agreed to—

M^{r}. Caleb Munroe having produced a certificate from the Committee of the New North religious society, that he had been

chosen Sexton to that Society, it was agreed that he should be appointed one of the Funeral Porters of this Town to conform himself to the Orders of the Board & the stated fees & regulations—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 18. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Chapman, Kettle

Jonathan Chapman Esq. having taken his seat as a Selectman, the same oath was now administred to him by Justice [333.] Gardner, which was taken by the other members of the board at the last Meeting—The Town Clerk was directed to enter these proceed[ings] on the Town Records

Warrant was signed for a Town Meeting for choice of Governor L^t. Governor & Senators—the 1st. Monday of April next—being the 6^t. of said April—

M^r. May & M^r. Kettle were desired to ask D^r. Lothrop to open the Meeting with prayer—

M^r. Wright appointed a Comm^ee. to procure Notifications for said Meeting to be printed—

The Chairman was desired to insert in the papers the same advertizement which was printed the last year, respecting the list of voters proposed & posted for inspection: also to take measures for the choice of Assistant Assessors on the first Wednesday of April—

On the application of the Comm^ee. of the Board of health, it was agreed that the Inhabitants of Ward N°. 5. may meet in the West School-house & the Inhabitants of Ward N°. 11 in the South Writing School, for the choice of Members of the Board of Health for those Wards—

M^r. Tilden & M^r. Hunnewell a Comm^ee. to call upon M^r. Harris to execute the papers respecting the Lands in Water Street & the Engine house lot in Milk Street—

The Chairman was desired to take measures to prevent Boys Servants & others from gaming in the Streets—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 25. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell May Wright, Chapman, Kettle

Messrs: Oliver Hunnewell & Wright a Comm^ee. to consult with M^r. Dexter, & M^r. Moreton, respecting the purpose of the Suit

now pending with Ward Nicholas Boylston Esq Adm^{r}. on the estate of Thomas Boylston Esq deceased—that the said Comm^{e}. take all suitable measures to bring said suit to an issue—& that they have power to confer on that subject [**334.**] with M^{r}. Boylston or his Counsel if they shall think it for the service of the Town to effect a compromise

The List of the Votes proposed by the Assessors having been examined & found very incorrect, it was determined to ask the assistance of two Gentlemen in each ward to go through the respective wards to correct the lists—the names of the Gentlemen were agreed to & are on file.—

M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. May a Comm^{ee}. to view the situations of the houses on the north side of Lynn Street, & to direct in which course a Common Sewer shall be dug to drain their waters—

Messrs: Hunnewell Wright & Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to obtain of the Assessors the number of ratable polls in the several wards also particularly to ascertain the number between the age of 16 & 21 Years—

Messrs: Oliver, Hunnewell & Wright a Comm^{ee}. upon the application of John Lowell Esq. for a passage way from School Street —to confer with the Comm^{ee}. of Court of Sessions respecting the probable future appropriation of the Land belonging to the County South of the Jail—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30. 1807— Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright Chapman, Kettle,

Passed upon Accounts—

M^{r}. Chapman was desired to pay attention to the Ladder kept in the wall opposite Concert hall, to have the same properly secured

M^{r}. Wright was desired to apply to Messrs: James & Thomas Lamb, to request of them to import for the use of the Town about 300 feet of Hemp Hose from Holland, of the length & dimentions agreeable to the Fire-wards—

The Board came to the choice of a Superintendent of Police for the Current Year by ballot; the Votes being taken it appeared that Charles Bulfinch Esq. was chosen—

The Chairman M^{r}. Wright & M^{r}. Hunnewell a Committee to consider the subject of police & the execution of the By Laws, & to Report a plan for more effectually carrying them into effect —

[**335.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8th. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, May, Hunnewell Chapman Kettle Wright—

Messrs: Hunnewell May & Kettle a Commee. on the application of Mr. Wilkinson for liberty to place steps to a House lately built by him in the Alley leading from Prince Street to North Bennett Street

The Chairman & Mr. Hunnewell a Committee to confer with Mr. Parkman respecting the building which he proposes to erect at the corner of Federal Street & Milk Street—to see what addition can be made to the Street without injury to the lot—

The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright a Committee to meet the Claiments of Land in Beacon Street to examine their Claims & to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, May Chapman, Wright & Kettle—

The present Meeting called in consequence of a venire recd. from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Jurors—proceeded to draw 28. Jurors for that Court—as will appear entred & posted in the Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 15. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Wright, Oliver, Kettle, Tilden, May,

Mr. Thomas Briggs laid before the Board the Will of Mr. Godfried Kreuger, whereby it appeared that he had left the Poor of the Town of Boston, to be paid to the Selectmen; one moiety or half part of his Estate; after the payment of certain debts & legacies. Mr. Briggs exhibited his Accounts as Executor to the said Will, which had been settled at the Probate Office, by which it appeared that the amount of 803 Dollars 84 Cents was due to the poor of this Town, under the management of the Selectmen.

Mr. Briggs then exhibited a Bond to be signed by the Selectmen, to bear him harmless from any future Claims—which was signed by a major part of the Selectmen, being all that was present—Mr. Briggs then paid to the Chairman a check upon the Bank for [**336.**] 803D–84C—and communicated a letter from Capt. Clapham dated at Demarara relative to other property of the late Mr. Kruger, and wished the advice of the Board, upon the best mode of obtaining such property from that Country—

After Mr. Briggs had withdrawn, some discussion took place relative to the disposal of this bequest, how the generous design

of the Donor might be best carried into effect, & it was agreed to add it to Mr. Brookers Donation, the Interest to be applied annually to the Relief of Poor Widows & sick Persons the Check was then handed to Mr. Tilden who with Mr. Oliver was chosen a committee to vest the same in the most productive & safe public funds—Mr. Tilden was also desired to exhibit a statement of the Persons holding any property of Mr. Brookers donation, & of the amount, that the Board might Judge of the expediency of vesting the same in the public funds—

An application from several free black men was made to the Board for advice & assistance relative to the school room in the new meeting house built by subscription for the blacks—the papers were read & the subject referred for further consideration—

The Chairman was desired to enquire into the circumstances of an application from Dr. Jennison, who has recovered Judgment for possession of a piece of land near Grove Street, & wishes the line of that Street to be ascertained

Acted upon a list of Persons applying for approbation for licenses to Retail Spirits &c—

Mr. John P. Orcutt
Mr. John H. Shaffer
were approved as Auchtioneers, within this Town

At a special Meeting of the Selectmen April 20. 1807—
The Board was assembled to view the lot belonging to S. Parkman Esq. at the north east corner of Federal Street—present Messrs: Bulfinch Oliver Porter, Hunnewell May, Wright Chapman & Kettle

After viewing the easterly side of that Street, & measuring [337.] the width in several parts, it was determined to reduce Mr. Parkmans Land to 30 feet wide on Milk Street, which will make the entrance to Frederick Street, thirty three feet wide—the said land to continue the same width of 30 feet, to the southerly side of the House proposed to be built thereon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 22d. 1807—
Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman, Kettle—

A Petition was handed in by a Commee. from the Owners & Occupants of Stores on Broad Street, praying that measures should be taken for paving that Street—after conferring with the Gentlemen, they retired & Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright were appointed a Commee. to consider the subject & Report—

The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Chapman a Commee. to view Poplar Street, with the Proprietors of the Land where the Rope Walks lately stood—to determine what quantity of Earth may be taken from that Street to regulate the descent & level of the same

The following divisions of the Town were assigned to the care of the following Gentlemen—

All west of Middle & North Streets, from Winnesimit Ferry to Mill Bridge - - - - - - - - - - - - -	to Mr. Kettle
All East of the same, to Mr. May - - -	to Mr. May
Wards No. 6 & 7 - - - - - - - - - -	to Mr. Bulfinch
Ward No. 4 & 5 - - - - - - - - -	to Mr. Chapman
No. 8 - - - - - - - - - - -	to Mr. Hunnewell
No. 9 - - - - - - - - - - -	to Mr. Tilden
No. 10 - - - - - - - - - - -	to Mr. Wright
No. 11 - - - - - - - - - - -	to Mr. Oliver
No. 12 - - - - - - - - - - -	to Mr. Porter

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Chapman, Kettle,

Passed on Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, May, Tilden, Chapman, Oliver, Kettle, Wright, Hunnewell,

Passed upon other Accounts—

[338.] The Board came to the choice of two Sealers of Weights & Measures according to law, by ballot, & chose Mr. Richard Austin for the South District & Mr. Timothy Green for the North District of the Town—

On the application of Christopher Gore William Paine & Mr. Fletcher for liberty to build a number of Tombs on their Land adjoining on the West Wall of the Granary Burying Ground, with liberty to enter such Tombs through the Brick Wall—the Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Chapman were desired to examine the state of the Ground; to consider the subject & to Report—

The former application of the Sextons was agreed to after consideration, that the Perquisites & Emoluments arising from the care of the Burying Grounds should be given to them in aid of a Fund for their use—and the following Persons were appointed to the particular care of the Burying Grounds—Vizt

Levy Skidmore - - - - - - -	at the South Ground
Allin Locklin - - - - - - - -	at the Granary
James Baker - - - - - - - -	at the Chapel
Henry Lane - - - - - - - -	at the North Ground

On the application of the Committee of the Universal Church Mr. Comfort Clafin the Sexton of that Society is licensed as a Funeral Porter—

Warrants issued for Town Meetings on the 13th. & 14 of May for choice of Representatives—and for transacting the usual affairs of the Town at May Meeting—

Mr. Spear to have the printing of the Notifications for said Meetings—

Mr. Kettle to request Dr. Eliot to open the Town Meeting with prayer—

Upon a representation of the proceedings of Mr. Cotton [Cotting] & others laying a drain with Wood in Battery March Street—the Chairman was desired to inform Mr. Cottings [Cotton] that the Board would not consent that any part of said Drain should be made [339.] of Wood, & expected that he would immediately order his Workmen to take up the Wood already laid & to build it with Brick & cover with Slate—

On the application of Adam Babcock Esq & others that they might have liberty to make use of Faneuil Hall on the Evening preceeding the Election of Representatives—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen May 6th. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Hunnewell, Chapman, Kettle, Oliver, May, Wright

This time being assigned for the choice of Constables Certificates were read from the Town Treasurer, that all the Constables had accounted & settled with him for the Taxes collected by them—It was Voted to make choice of twelve Constables for the present year—after some consideration of the subject, agreed to proceed to the choice of eleven out of that number, at this Meeting

The Votes being taken the following persons were chosen, and the persons proposed by them as sureties, were approved—Vizt.

Thomas Stevenson—his Sureties	Dudley Walker
	Thomas Stevenson Junr.
Amos Lewis - - - - - - -	Thomas Lewis
	Joshua Ellis
Elisha Copeland - - - - - -	Abraham Gibson
	John Perry
Moses Thayer - - - - - - -	Nathl. Frothingham
	Samuel Sanger
Henry Lane - - - - - - -	Caleb Whiting
	Josiah Danforth

Benj^{a}. B: Leeds - - - - - -	Jeremiah Gore Junr.
	Benjamin Bass Junr.
Samuel White - - - - - - -	Abraham Babcock
	Ebenez^{r}. Clough
Jirah Holbrook - - - - - -	Jon^{a}. Merry
	Edward Staples
Levi Joy - - - - - - - - -	Edward Wentworth
	Joseph Bennet
Solomon Twist - - - - - -	Moses Gardner
	Jonas Twist
James Sumner - - - - - -	George Homer
	Thomas Howe

[**340.**] And the Town Clerk is directed not to administer the oath to either of the Constables now chosen untill they shall produce certificates from the Treasurer, that he has executed his bond to him—

The Chairman, M^{r}. May, & M^{r}. Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to stake out the slip from Lynn Street to the Sea which lies in the direction of Fosters lane, and to procure all the evidence that can be had respecting the Towns right there—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell May, Wright, Chapman Kettle

On the yesterday the Chairman & several Members of the Board agreeable to advertizement attended to the sale of the Towns land near the South Bridge: a number of the Gentlemen of the Neighbourhood being anxious to have the street leading to the Bridge made wider than has been proposed, the Sale was postponed, for the consideration of any propositions that may be made by the Abutters or others—

Mess: Curtis appeared & requested to know the terms on which the Lands near the S^{o}. Bridge & the flatts on the north side of the Bridge were to be sold, making the street 50 feet wide—after consultation, it was agreed to ask the sum of thirteen thousand Dollars, and they were desired to give their answer to morrow 3. o'. Clock—

A billet was received from Deacon Brown stating the terms on which he would consent that the south side of that Street should be continued in a straight line from the Bridge to Orange Street through his land—

Boston ss: After the business of the Election of Representatives was completed—the Board being together received an answer from [the] Messrs: Curtis wherein they offer 10.000 Dollars for the land & flatts provided the street be continued straight through Deacon Browns Land—

The Chairman was directed to reply, that the Board would accept the sum offered & agreed to the terms of [**341.**] payment, but on the condition that the street should not go upon Deacon Browns land, but should be wholly taken from the towns land—this was sent & their answer expected to morrow

Boston ss:—After the Town Meeting another billet from [the] Mess: Curtis was laid before the Board, deducting 800 Dollars from their former offer in consequence of the street being carried in the direction proposed by the Board—The Chairman was desired to reply that the Board adhered to terms & conditions proposed on the 13th.

Boston ss: At a special Meeting of the Selectmen present—Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell Wright, May Chapman Kettle

The Board was summoned to hear the request of the Proprietors of India Wharff that measures should be taken to continue the width of Broad Street through land of Mr. Tilden—After much conversation agreed to meet on Monday next, 5. o Clock P. M. & Mr. Cotton to be desired to attend the meeting. Mr. Tilden was also desired to consider the terms on which he would consent to the proposed improvement—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman, Kettle

Mr. Tilden handed to the Board his proposals to accept the sum of 5000 Dollars for his land necessary to widen Battery March Street—After Mr. Tilden & Mr. Cotting had withdrawn—the subject was discussed, but no determination was had whether the Town should pay any proportion of said sum—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Wright, May, Chapman

Approved of sundry persons to retail spirituous liquors—

The Chairman & Mr. Chapman a Commee. to view several Cellar doors making to a new building in Devonshire Street & to take measures to prevent their incumbering the foot walk—

On application from a great number of persons respecting [**342.**] the custom of selling horses in State Street, & proposing the establishing of a market for horses—the Chairman & Mr. Oliver a Commee. to consider the subject & report—

Mr. Porter & Mr. Hunnewell a Commtee. to view the easterly end of Pleasant Street, to prevent any incroachment from a Building now preparing to be erected & to consider the best means of discharging the over ground water from that part of the street

On the application of Revd. Dr. Lothrop & Revd. Dr. Eliot it is agreed that the Clergy shall make use of Faneuil Hall on the Day after the General Election for a public dinner—

On application of the Captain of the Anct. & Honourable Artillery Company, that Company has liberty to use the Hall on their anniversary for a public dinner—

An application was received from a large number of the Inhabitants praying that the Board would take measures to widen Battery March Street through Mr. Tildens Land at the expence of the Town—several members of the Board being absent, agreed to postpone this business to Friday next 4. o.'Clock and that absent Members be desired to attend—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 22d. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, May, Hunnewell, Chapman, Kettle,

The Commee. chosen to stake out & take possession of the Towns Slip in Lynn Street, running along the east side of Edward H. Robins to the Sea, Reported that they had attended to the business, had heard the representations of several aged persons who had long resided at that part of the Town & had found no cause to relinquish the Towns right to the slip—& accordingly had staked it out 18 feet wide & had forbid Mr. Holbrook & Mr. Whitney from trespassing upon it—The Commee. also measured the land on Lynn Street & found that after measuring the quantity conveyed by the Union Bank to Ingersol & from him to Holbrook [and] Whitney of 123 feet, there remained 29 feet 4 Inches, claimed by the Heirs of Benjamin Andrews to the bounds of Mr. Alley & from that line 15 feet to Alleys house

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Wright, Kettle

[343.] Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 26. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Kettle

The Board came to the choice of a Constable to complete the number required for the Year & chose Mr. John Deverell—and

approved of the Bondsmen of the past year, to renew their Bonds for the present season—

The attention of the Board was occupied by the Report of the Comm^ee^. on Poplar Street, who advised that the Abutters should have liberty to dig away & regulate said Street, under certain conditions—this report being considered it was voted to postpone acting thereon, untill next Wednesday four weeks; as the interference of the Selectmen might have an influence on the location of Canal Bridge—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3^d^. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Chapman, Kettle, Tilden, Hunnewell,

Approved of the Indentures of James Powell a Minor to William Dorr Junr. the term of Apprenticeship to July 4. 1812—

M^r^. Nathl. Emmes Bell, being recommended by the Comm^ee^. of the New Brick society is approved as a Funeral Porter—

On a petition from a number of persons chiefly Owners & Residents on the Neck requesting that measures should be taken to remove the Candleworks from the situation at present occupied by that Manufactory—the Chairman was desired to apply to M^r^. Thomas Blake Agent to the Proprietors to notify them to remove their works from the Towns Land as soon as possible—

On the application of Michael Homer for liberty to build a number of Tombs on the North side of the Granary Burying Ground—The Chairman M^r^. Oliver & M^r^. Chapman, were desired to view the ground & Report their opinion of the expediency of the measure & the general state of the ground—

[**344.**] John Heard Esq appeared & entered a complaint against the Driver of Hackney Carriage N°. 12. Owned by Andrew Morton; M^r^. Morton & the Driver were also heard, & after full consideration—Voted, that the Chairman inform M^r^. Morton that the license for his Carriage N°. 12—will be suspended for one month from Monday next, unless before that time his Driver shall make such apology & concession to M^r^. Heard as shall be satisfactory to the Board—

The Abutters on the Easterly side of Hancock Street having regulated the side walk and paved the same with Stone & brick—the Chairman has been authorized to have a gutter paved 4½ feet wide along the edge stones—

An application being read from the Proprietors of Land in Poplar Street & considered—the Chairman was desired to com-

municate to the Gentlemen the proceedings of the Board on that subject, which was had at the last Meeting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Kettle,

A number of Jurors drawn to serve at the Court of Common Pleas in July next—

A letter was read from John Heard Esq. stating that the driver of Hackney Carriage N°. 12—having called upon him and regretted his misconduct; he was perfectly satisfied that the complaint should be withdrawn & the license of the Carriage should be restored—whereupon Voted, that the Owner & Driver of said Carriage had complied with the order of the Board of the 3^{d}. Ins^{t}. & that the license should be restored—

M^{r}. Parker appeared & entered a complaint against M^{r}. Simons & Fisher the Owners & Joseph Stone the Driver of Hackney Carriage N°. 49, for demanding two Dollars for carrying three Persons to & from the Theatre, & for abusive language. upon his refusal to pay the sum demanded.—The Owner & Driver being also present were heard—& the parties having withdrawn, it was determined that the license of Carriage N°. 49 be suspended for one month, & the same be published in the Papers

[**345.**] Approved of the Indentures of Henry Benneen a Minor of the Age of ten Years a Native of the Sandwich Islands to David Nye of Wareham Mariner, to be in force untill the 1st. Day of June 1811—

The Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, having at the Town Meeting on Monday 8th. Ins^{t}. impowered the Selectmen to nominate & appoint seven Commissioners to treat & negotiate with the Proprietors of the Mill Pond, as fully expressed in their Vote of that date—The Selectmen proceeded to execute the trust reposed in them by the Town, & after much deliberation, unanimously made choice of the following Gentlemen—

William Parsons Esq.
Honble. John Davis Esq
Honble. William Brown Esq
Honble. John Adams Esq
John Jay Esq
Redford Webster Esq
Tristram Barnard Esq

and the Chairman was desired to Notify the Gentlemen of the appointment

The Chairman Mr. Tilden & Mr. Wright a Committee on the application of Mr. Samuel Torrey to direct in the laying of his steps & the side walk & regulating the sink in front of his new Houses in Atkinson Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 18th. 1807—Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Chapman, Kettle—

On the application of Mr. Samuel Todd—the building formerly used as a Spermacti work at the bottom of Friend Street is approved & licensed as a Livery Stable—

The application of a number of the Inhabitants residing near Wheelers Point for a new Engine—and the petition of a number near Pleasant Street, to have an Engine placed in their Neighbourhood; having both been referred to the Gentlemen Firewards for their consideration, a Report was handed from their [**346.**] Secretary; wherein they state that it was not expedient to procure another engine & give their reason for their opinion & refer to this Board the right of placing the Engine houses, as they may Judge for the public benefit & convenience—It was then voted to accept the Report to be put on the file of mixed papers—

A letter from William Foster Esq. respecting a passage way between his Wharf & Powers Wharf, was read & committed to Mr. Tilden & Mr. Wright to view & report—

The Commee. to regulate Broad Street, are empower'd to have as many sinks of Stone constructed as may be necessary to convey the over ground water into the Common Sewer & to proceed to cover the Street with gravel, provided the Abuttors or any of them shall make the necessary advances of money to be repaid in Decemr. next—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Kettle, Tilden,

Dr. James Lloyd informed the Board that by consent of Mr. Shrimpton Hutchinson he had sold the Tomb in the Granary Burying Ground belonging to Mr. Hutchinson to Deacon Nye & Son & wished it to be so entered upon the Selectmen's Books, agreed that such communication should be entered on the Records

Agreed that Mr. Nicholas Peirce should undertake the new laying the Common Sewer in Nassau Street previous to paving the Street—the expence of said Common Sewer to be paid by the Proprietors—also that Mr. Peirce should proceed to pave Nassau

Street from the present pavement to Eliot Street—he contracting & agreeing to pave anew any part of the Street over the Common Sewer, free of expence to the Town, if the same should settle & become necessary in the Judgement of the Selectmen

The attention of the Board was called to propose suitable arangement for the celebration of the 4t. of July next—The Chairman Mr. Tilden & Mr. Wright were chosen a Commee. to consider the subject and Report—

[347.] Boston ss: granted by the Selectmen June 28– 1807 Present Mess · Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Chapman, Kettle

The Committee chosen at the last Meeting to consider of arangements proper to be adopted for celebrating the 4th. of July. Reportd—previous to considering the Report it was agreed to send a Commee. of Mess: Bulfinch Tilden & Oliver, to wait on the Governor to request the honour of his Company & that of the Honble. Council at the delivery of the Town Oration; and to enquire whether he had assigned any place for the delivery thereof—

The Commee. immediately waited on his Excellency, and returned to the Board & informed them, that they had conversed with the Governour on the subject of their commission, & were informed that he had made an arangement for the celebration of the 4t. of July on the part of the Commonwealth at an early hour of that day, that the performance might be over before the celebration of the Town should commence, that he feared from the number of his engagements for that day he should not be able to attend the Town Oration—but would direct a military escort for the Selectmen & afford them the use of the State house to assemble in if they should think that the most convenient place to proceed from—

The Board then Voted unanimously to attend the State Celebration of the Day agreeable to invitation previously received from the Governour & Council—

Voted, that application be made to the Commee. of the old south church, requesting the use of their house for the accommodation of the Town at the delivery of the Oration—& that the Revd. Dr. Lothrop, being the senior Clergyman of the Town be requested to perform the religious service of prayer & thanksgiving previous to the delivery of the Oration & Mr. May & Mr. Kettle were desired to wait on him with this request—& Mr. Wright is desired to invite a suitable choir of Singers & to provide musick proper for the occasion—also that the following named publick Officers be invited to attend at the Representatives Room at 12. o Clock to form a procession to the Old So. Church—Vizt.

[348.] The Members of Congress of this District—
Senators of the County of Suffolk—
Representatives of the Town—
The Clergy
The Overseers of the Poor
Fire-wards
Board of Health—
School Committee
Secretary & Treasurer of the State
County Treasurer
Judges of Supreme, Federal & Municipal Courts
The masters & Ushers of the Town Schools—

Mr. Oliver was desired to subscribe for 12 Seats at the public dinner to be given at Faneuil Hall, for the Selectmen Town Clerk Chaplain & Orator of the Day—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1st. 1807—Present Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Chapman, May Kettle—

Passed Accounts—

Signed a number of blank certficates of approbation for Auchtioneers—the Town Clerk is directed to renew the licenses of those of the past year—

The consideration of the Report of the Committee upon regulating Poplar Street was now resumed, upon the application of William Paine Esq—and was accepted as follows—That the corner of the hill to the eastward of the heads of the late Ropewalks be dug away to the depth of 4 or 5 feet beginning at a level of Mr. David Wests land, at his back gate, & that a regular descent be made from the east end of Poplar Street to Spring Street, nearly opposite the Almshouse, & as far as practicable to the water.—and as two houses abutting on the Street will be affected by digging away the street, this liberty is granted to the Applicants upon condition that they make good to Mr. Parminter & to Mr. Roulstone any damages their houses may receive & make such alterations as may be necessary in consequence of their proceedings—and that the whole be done under the direction & to the acceptance of the Selectmen free of expences to the Town—

[349.] Mr. Chapman was ordered to apply to Capt. Machet to know on what terms & conditions he would consent to the Towns taking off part of his house in Ship Street on a line with Mr. Godfreys—

Mr. Tilden Wright & Oliver a Commee. to consider the application of a number of young men for liberty to give certain

exhibitions in the Hall over Woods Museum North of Market Square—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 8. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden Oliver, Wright Chapman, Kettle, Porter,

Messrs: Grigg & Eastie applied for liberty to use the Stable occupied by them in Beacon Street, for the purpose of a Livery Stable—

The planking over the Bridge in Ann Street being represented as hazardous & requiring repairs, M^{r}. May was desired to have the same now planked & the Chairman to notify the Mill Proprietors that they are expected to pay two thirds the expence according to established custom

Passed upon a number of applications for licenses to sell spirituous liquors—

The Chairman communicated a circular letter received by Post from Norfolk in Virginia, enclosing printed copies of the transactions of the People of that place on occasion of the late outrage upon the flag of the United States, by the attack of the British Frigate Leopard upon the United States Frigate the Chesapeak—the same was committed to the Chairman, M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Oliver, to Report the proceedings proper to be had thereon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, May, Wright, Oliver

This Meeting was called to consider the report of the Comm^{ee}. upon the communication from Norfolk in Virginia—when the Chairman presented a draft of a letter which he had prepared to the Comm^{ee}. of Correspondence at Norfolk—this letter being read & considered, it was determined to be most expedient on the present occasion that a Town Meeting should [**350.**] be called to act upon the communication, & a warrant was drawn & signed for a Meeting on Thursday next the 16 Ins^{t}.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen the 16th. of July. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver May, Wright, Chapman, Kettle—

The Town having directed the Selectmen, at the Meeting of this day to transmit the Resolves which had been passed to the Committee of Correspondence of the City of Norfolk—the Chairman was desired to prepare a suitable letter & at this meeting

the same was read & considered, & being approved was signed by all the Members of the Board, to be forwarded by this days mail together with the resolutions of the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 22d. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Porter, May, Chapman, Oliver, Kettle Hunnewell, Wright—

Approved the Indentures of John Rowland a Minor born in England to Richard Cammett, as a Mariner to continue in force to the 1t. day of July 1810—

Voted, that the Gentlemen Fire-wards be requested to provide a suitable number of Axes & Saws for the use of the Engine Compys. according to the late regulation & to certify the Amt. thereof to the Selectmen for payment—

Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Chapman added to the Commee—of the Northern District, to view Unity Street & Sheaffe Street, & report the expediency of paving either or both these streets, &

Mr. Tilden Oliver & Hunnewell a Commee. to view Bromfield lane & Winter Street, for the like purpose

The Chairman from the Commee. to examine the state of the Treasury made a particular Report; with Statements of the Treasurers mode of proceeding in collecting the Taxes & a return of all the persons who now owe taxes above the amount of 30 D. each—these papers were examined & the same Committee was desired to consider what effectual mode could be adopted for the Collection of the Outstanding debts—

[**351.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Porter, Hunnewell May Wright Chapman, Kettle Oliver

Passed upon Accounts—

The Commee. to view Unity Street reported that it was expedient the same should be paved & the Abuttors to lay a narrow side walk on each side under the direction of the Commee. of that District—

Agreed to the above report, also that a gutter be paved in the center of Hull Street leading to the burying ground & that the Street be gravelled & regulated—

On the report of the Commee. to view Bromfields Lane agreed that it should be paved upon the payment of the sum subscribed & the Abuttors to pave a side walk on the south side, & the

opening necessary to be left for entrance to the stable of Simons & Fisher to be paved with flat stones—

Agreed to have Congress Street, between Milk Street & Water Street paved—

The Chairman & Mr. Oliver to view the Dam on the Neck & generally to inspect the Streets of Ward 12—& report the repairs necessary to be done—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29t. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Kettle, Oliver, Wright, May,

A communication was received from the Commissioners chosen to treat with the Mill Pond Corporation, informing the Board that they had agreed upon terms & had signed the Instruments with an abstract of the Condition of the Agreement—Voted to issue notifications for the Adjournment of the Town Meeting for Monday next, the papers then to be laid before the Town—

Very general complaints having been made of the disturbances occasioned at the places of Worship on Sundays by Persons driving Carriages by them in a rapid manner; The Chairman was desired to prepare a hand bill to be distributed to the owners of carriages & the keepers of livery Stables to caution them against such practice; & to send one to such Religious Societies, requesting them to appoint some person in their several churches to notice any who may break the law in this respect, & to return their names to the Chairman for prosecution—

[352.] The Chairman was desired to inform Mr. Seth Thayer the Proprietor of a Building in Ann Street, that the use of his Hall for Theatrical Exhibitions was against the law of March 1806 & that he was subject to a penalty of 500 Dollars, & to caution him against such use of his Room in future—

Mr. Hunnewell being absent from Town Mr. Chapman was added to the Committee of Broad Street—and Mr. Oliver Chapman & Wright a Committee on the subject of police in general

The Committee to view the Neck Reported, that a repair in the Dam at the Northerly end was necessary on the Easterly side for about 300 feet—and that from 150 to 200 loads of Chips be spread on the sides of the Neck to the north of the Square—The Abutters to be called upon to repair their proportion of the Towns former Grant of 1,400 feet—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 6. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, Chapman, Kettle—

The Chairman communicated to the Board, that the Directors of West Boston Bridge wished to have the line of the westerly end of Cambridge Street described & revised previous to their filling up under a part of the Bridge—the plan of the Street was exhibited, & the following was agreed upon by the Board—

Whereas the proprietors of west Boston bridge have it in their contemplation to fill up with Earth & Gravel a portion of the flats at the west end of Cambridge Street which are now covered by said Bridge; and as the direction in which West Boston bridge extends westerly is not a continuation of the straight line of Cambridge Street, but bends at the present abuttment of the bridge in a northerly direction. It is hereby agreed by the Selectmen for the purpose of determining the rights of the Town & the bounds of the Abutters; that the continuation of Cambridge Street from the present abutmen^{t}. of the bridge westerly, shall be in the direction of the north side of said bridge & shall be 50 feet wide from the said north line, [**353.**] southerly, & may be extended as far westerly as the Proprietors of the Bridge or the Abutters shall incline to fill up & make solid *provided* that all such additions which shall be made to Cambridge Street shall be 50 feet in width & filled to such a level as the Selectmen shall approve; that the common sewer shall be extended of its full dimensions, & that the whole expence shall be borne by the proprietors or the Abutters without any charge to the Town

Passed upon the annual list from the Court of Sessions of Inholders & Retailers—

M^{r}. Chapman was added to the Committee of the Market—

A return was made by the Chairman of the survey made by him of the part of Milk Street from Oliver Street across Battery March Street, by which it appeared that by raising the pavement from Oliver Street on a regular line, the water could be carried thro'. the new part of Milk Street over ground into the dock—It was agreed that the pavement should be raised from Oliver Street across Battery March Street, to remove the water that now settles & stagnates by Messrs: Colton & Marstons shop—

A Petition of M^{r}. Michael Homer having been several times before the Board for liberty to build Tombs in the Granary burying ground, reference was had to the doings of the Town in the Year 1795, when it appeared that the Town ordered that no new grave or tomb should be built in the Chapel or Granary burying grounds; in consequence of this vote the Board determined that it was not in their power to give liberty as requested

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 12. 1807—Present Messrs: Tilden Porter, Oliver, May, Chapman, Kettle,

M^{r}. Porter a Comm^{ee}. on the request of Messrs: Thomas & Andrews & others respecting the Towns Drain between Carver & Pleasant Street, and he is desired to comply with the wishes of the [unfinished]

[**354.**] M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Oliver were desired to wait on his Excellency the Governour & acquaint him with the order of the Visitations of the Schools on Friday next—

Agreed that M^{r}. Tilden & M^{r}. Tileston should furnish the Wood for the Schools the ensuing season

At the last Meeting on the 6. Ins^{t}. a Certificate was sign'd by the Members of the Board then present to appropriate the use of the Theatre in Federal Street for the purpose of exhibiting theatrical entertainments for one year from the 1^{t}. of Sepr. next—also another certificate to license the company under the management of M^{r}. Snelling Powell for the same period of time

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 19—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, May, Chapman, Wright, Kettle,

An application from M^{r}. Benjamin Willis committed to the Chairman & M^{r}. Chapman to view the course of a Drain in a street next east of Copper Street, which is complained of by him

The Account of the Expences of a new Common Sewer laid in Broad Street by M^{r}. Samuel May, was handed to the Board by M^{r}. Tilden, to whom it had been committed—

The Expence amounted to three hundred eighty one Dollars & twenty cents, which was adjudged to be paid by the follow^{g} Persons—

Thomas Dennie - - - -	1 share - - -	54 ,, 50
Nathl: Saltonstall - - -	3 ditto - - -	163 ,, 50
Alanson Tucker - - - -	1 ditto - - -	54 ,, 50
John Grew - - - - -	1 ditto - - -	54 ,, 50
Samuel May - - - - -	1 ditto - - -	54 ,, 50

the Account & the Receipts for the above payments are on the file of mixed papers—

A Certificate having been presented by M^{r}. Patrick Scholley that he had been appointed Sexton to the Roman Catholic Church—he was approved of as a Funeral Porter, to conform himself to the regulations of the Selectmen in following that employment

The Chairman was desired to procure a survey of the Streets contiguous to the entrance of the North Square, where [**355.**] several houses were burnt last evening, to ascertain the expediency of widening the Streets in that neighbourhood—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 31. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Wright, Chapman—

Passed upon Accounts—

In pursuance of a precept from the Honble. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk inquisition was made into the circumstances of Arnold Wells Junr. & a return made to the Judge that he was non compos & unable to take charge of his property & the Board recommend that a Guardian should be appointed for him—

Approved of the Indentures of Polly Morey a black Girl of the age of 13 Years to M^{rs}. Mary Turell as a domestick Servant untill she come to the age of 18 Years—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 2^{d}. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Hunnewell May Chapman

Passed upon other Accounts—

Complaint was made against the conduct of Thomas Davidson who was represented as wasting his property by habits of drunkenness & idleness—his Wife with her Mother & several of her Neighbours stated the circumstances of his conduct after inquiring particularly into the same, it was determined to lay the complaint before the Judge of Probate & to request him to appoint a suitable Person Guardian over the said Thomas Davidson

The Chairman represented a survey which had been taken of Fish Street, Ship Street & the entrance of N^{o}. Square; after considering the most eligible mode of widening the Streets where the late Fire happened; the plan was committed to M^{r}. Chapman to confer with the Proprietors of the Land laid waste relative to the terms on which they would agree to add three feet to the width of the Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 9th. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Wright, May, Chapman, Kettle,

[**356.**] Certificate being received from the Comm^{ee}. of the first Baptist Society, that M^{r}. Samuel Winslow had been chosen a Sexton to that Society: the Board agree to appoint him a

Funeral Porter, with the priviledges annexed to that office—he to conform himself to the present & future regulations of the Selectmen

A conference was had with some of the Proprietors of land on Fish Street relative to widening said Street & M^{r}. Wright & M^{r}. Chapman appointed a Comm^{ee}. to treat with D^{r}. Smith respecting his land at Mountforts Corner so called—

M^{r}. Porter handed an estimate of the expence of raising & paving part of the Neck which is subject to be over flowed by high tides—referred to M^{r}. Hunnewell to examine & Report

An estimate for raising the Dyke on the Neck was also referred to M^{r}. Hunnewell to examine & report—

Messrs: James Lloyd & others have liberty to enter a new Common Sewer from Somersett Street into the Sewer in Southacks Court—now Howard Street

The Chairman was desired to advertize the two Easterly Cellars under Faneuil Hall to be leased at Auchtion on Thursday the 17^{t}—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 14. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, May, Wright Chapman Kettle—

The Plan of Poplar Street at West Boston & the Lots bordering thereon, which are advertised for Sale at Auchtion on the 17^{t}. Ins^{t}. was laid before the Board for consideration whether any measure should be taken to widen & straighten the Street, before the Proprietors should proceed to the Sale of the Land—A Comm^{ee}. from the Proprietors was present & the subject was discussed, & it was determined that they should proceed to sell according to their plan, as it was not expedient for the Town to purchase land to widen the Street—

The Chairman exhibited the plan of the southerly part of Battery March Street, where Pollys Distill house & other [**357.**] Buildings are now taking down, that the Board may determine whether any measures should be taken to widen the Street in that part or suffer the new buildings to be erected on the old line—after full consideration it was determined [not] to alter the line, as the Street was of convenient width, & any alteration would lead to great expence

The Board being informed that the Heirs of Govr. Hancock had signified their intention to enter into the inclosed part of Beacon hill to morrow morning to dig away the earth & take

possession—the Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Wright were appointed a Commee. to repair to the Hill, with Peace Officers & proper Witnesses to maintain the Towns rights & prevent any encroachments thereon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 16. 1807—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, May, Porter, Wright, Chapman, Kettle, Hunnewell

The Chairman Reported that on the 15 Inst. agreeable to the direction of the Board, the Commee. had repaired to Beacon hill, & there met with Ebenr. Hancock Esq. & John Hancock & Mr. Samuel Spear who appeared to claim & enter upon the enclosed part of the Hill in behalf of the Heirs of the late Governour Hancock—Mess: Hancock & Spear each of them took a Shovel full of Earth & threw it into the Cart of Mr. James Bird—The Chairman then forbid them to proceed & ordered them to withdraw in the name of the Town & the Commee. taking each of them by the Arm led them from the enclosed part of the Hill into the Street, & orderded them not to enter again for any such purpose—Mr. Rufus Tower, Mr. Levi Joy & Mr. Thomas C. Dillaway, were present & were desired to take such notice as would enable them to be Witnesses of the transaction if called upon in future

An application was received from a number of persons residing in Fish Street, praying that a patrol might be organized, & other measures adopted to guard them from fire—The Chairman was desired to inform the applicants that the Watch should [**358.**] be particularly directed to guard & visit the Streets near the place where a late Incendiary attempt was made, & to give every assistance in their power to a patrol that may be organised among the Gentlemen of that Neighbourhood—

Mess: Daniel & Ignatius Sargent having applied for a Deed of a Tomb in the Granary Burying Ground lately rebuilt by Mr. Michael Homer, it was agreed that upon Mr. Sargent paying three hundred dollars for said Tomb, the Chairman should be authorized to give a certificate as proposed by them; & Mr. Homer to exhibit to the Board his account of expences for allowance—

Voted, that in future, when any Tombs are gone to decay from the neglect of the Owners or from the want of any proprietors thereto, that they shall be advertised in the public papers, for any one who has a legal claim to appear & make the necessary repairs, & in case no such person is to be found, that the Board would employ workmen to rebuild or to repair the same, and sell them for the advantage of the Town.—

On the application of Mess: Gore & Payne for liberty to make openings thro'. the west wall of the Granary Burying

ground to obtain entrances to Tombs which they intend to build on their own land—Voted, that they have the consent of the Board to their request provided they shall obtain a like consent from the Persons who own Tombs adjoining to that wall; which consent shall be expressed in writing & signed by said proprietors, & put upon the Town files—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 23^d. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Chapman, Kettle,

Jurors drawn for the C. C. & C. C. Pleas, & entred & posted in Jury Books—

The Comm^ee. on the application of Benjamin Wells Esq relative to the Drain in Copper Street, reported a state of facts [**359.**] And it was agreed that he could not be allowed to fill up or cut off any part of said Drain, it having become the property of the persons who laid it; but that he might have liberty to open the Street for the purpose of boxing his Cellar to prevent the tide from flowing therein—

The Comm^ee. to view Round lane on the petition for paving that Street—reported the measure of it to be 675 yards and probable cost 550. dollars, agreed to allow $260—towards paving the centre part, the Abuttors to do the rest & complete the side walks—

The Chairman & M^r. Porter a Comm^ee. to view the lands & flatts South of the S^o. Bridge to determine which part is most suitable for the Engine-house, now standing on M^r. Dolls land

An application was received from the Citizens in the neighbourhood of the late Fire in Fish Street, praying for an increase of the North Watch,—the Chairman was desired, to examine into the present state of that watch & to Report—

The Board having at several Meetings considered the expediency of widening the streets near the ruins occasioned by the late fire—the subject was now resumed & two Petitions from that quarter of the Town were read; the Board being convinced of the necessity of the measure determined to widen Fish Street 2½ feet & the passage to N^o. Square 5 feet, Deacon Hunter the owner of one of the lots having expressed in writing his readiness to give his land on Fish Street M^r. H [Blank] another of the Proprietors appeared & consented to give his land on Fish Street provided the passage to the Square should be widened as proposed—It was then agreed to give seven hundred dollars to D^r. Nathl. Smith for so much of his land as should be taken, & the Chairman &

M^r. Chapman were desired to confer with the other proprietors & to ascertain what assistance could be had from the subscriptions of the Neighbourhood—

Approved the Indentures of Samuel Scott a Minor to Richard Cope Cordwainer to be in force untill the 1st. of Septem^r. 1814

[360.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 28 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Kettle,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 30. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, May, Wright, Chapman, Kettle, Porter,

Passed upon other Accounts—

An application having been received from Mungo Mackay Esq. dated the 20th. of May last relative to the compensation which he should be entitled to receive from those persons who have or may hereafter convey Drains into the Drain laid by him from near his dwelling house to West Boston Bridge—The same was referred to the Chairman & M^r. Chapman for enquiry—they now Report^d that the cost of said drain by M^r. Mackays Account was 500 D paid by him, besides labour done by his Distill house workmen which he had not charged. That Drains to accommodate 15 Houses, had been laid into the main drain, for 4 of which he had received 10 D. each. The Board having considered this Report Voted, That the owner of each & every house which was accommodated with a drain into the main drain of M^r. Mackay, should pay the sum of 10. D. for each house, whether the drain was laid separately from the houses, or whether they were connected together & entered his drain by one pipe for two or more houses, and that those persons who have made use of said drain be assessed as follows—

		D
H. G. Otis - - - - - - -	1 house - -	10. paid
Widow Davis - - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10—d°.
J. Ridgway - - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10—d°.
M: Heard - - - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10—d°.
Watson Freeman - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10—
Benaijah Brigham - - - -	2 - - - - -	20—
Jon^t. L. Austin - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10—
Loring Jacobs - - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10
Silvanus Gray - - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10
Benjamin Austin - - - - -	3 - - - - -	30—
George Otis - - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10
Jon^a. Thaxter - - - - - -	1 - - - - -	10—

And the said Mungo Mackay is hereby impowered to receive [361.] the above sums & to give discharge therefor—

Several persons having made or renewed their applications for Licenses as Auchtioneer, the same was considered, & it was determined by vote, that it was not expedient to make any addition to the number of Auchtioneers

William Foster Esq. & Son appeared to request liberty to place a flight of plank steps in the passage way leading from Purchase Street by the north end of their Store for the accommodation of a Sail Loft in the upper part of the store—Referred to the Chairman Mr. Wright & Mr. Chapman to view & with liberty to give permission, if it should not interfere with the public use of the passage—

Mr. Peck the Agent of the Mill Corporation appeared & exhibited the plan of streets proposed to be made in the Mill Pond; the same was examined & a general conversation ensued on the mode to be preferred in filling the pond—the Board agreed to examine the plan more minutely, & in the meantime authorized Mr. Peck to fill Cross Street to the New Street already made, & to begin filling at the bottom of Cole Lane Gouches lane Pitts lane & the passage by Mr. Tidds Distill-house—he taking particular care to prevent any obstruction of Drains, & to lay temporary additions to the drains untill the ground should be sufficiently settled for laying permanent common Sewers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Octo^r. 7. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Hunnewell, Kettle

Mr. Wright was requested to procure powder, to have a sufficient number of Cartridges made for the general review of the Militia on the 22^d. Ins^t.—

In consequence of the Salt water having flowed across the Neck at the late high tides, agreed that the new paving be extended one hundred feet farther north & be raised one foot in the centre of the Street—

The Chairman & Mr. Chapman a Comm^ee. to have a foot walk [**362.**] laid out on the westerly side of Court Street, opposite Concert Hall—

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Superintend^t of the Lamps for the ensuing season, the Votes being taken Mr. Wright was declared to be chosen—

Henry J. Thompson applied for license to sweep Chimneys, and produced several recommendations—Agreed that Mr. Vinton, the present Undertaker of that business, should be desired to

appear at the next Meeting, that the Board might consider the expediency of making any new appointment—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectment Octob^r. 14. 1807 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Kettle, Wright, Chapman, May, Oliver

A petition was received from a number of the Abuttors on a new Street leading from Beacon Street to Middlecott Street, & which they have named *Bowdoin* Street, requesting that a certain piece of land contiguous to the Estate of D: D: Rogers Esq might be added to the Easterly end of said Street, to widen the same; for which they engage to pay all the expence that should arise—the same was referred to the Chairman M^r. Oliver & M^r. Chapman, to confer with the applicants & M^r. Rogers—to Report

Upon consideration of the difficulty there would be to convey off the water from the north end of Broad Street & the inconvenience that would be experienced there from the ensuing winter —Agreed to have that part of Broad Street paved as far south as Doane Street, the pavers contracting to do the same for 75 Cents p yard—

Agreed that the lamps be lighted on Monday Evening next to commence the season & that there be allowed two Dollars to each lighter for cleaning the lamps under his care, previous to lighting—

Information having been given that the Latin School continued to be occasionally used of Evenings as a singing school contrary to the vote of the School Committee—the Chairman was desired to inform M^r. Bigelow, that it was the wish of the [**363.**] Board, that the Keys should be kept at his House & that they be delievered to no person for any use of the School-house of an evening—

Some Gentlemen of the Board having observed that a quantity of earth had been taken fram the hilly ground at the bottom of the Common & carried into Pleasant Street & the new Streets by the Ropewalks, a debate ensued upon the expediency of using the earth from that situation for any purpose whatsoever—and it was unanimously determined that no earth or gravel be taken in future from the *Common* for any purpose out of the limits of the Common—and agreed to meet to morrow 5 o Clock at the new street to view & determine what further should be done—absent Members to be notified—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 15. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Chapman, Kettle, Hunnewell,

The Board met agreeable to a vote of yesterday—they viewed the street at the bottom of the Common leading to West Boston Bridge & agreed that it was necessary that a part of it about 10 feet wide should be raised along by the side of the Rope walks to shut out the high tides—the question was then considered whether the earth from the Common should be used for that purpose—and it was Voted that the workmen should dig away the ridges of the Earth between the Marsh & the Hills for the above purpose & to repair the Street the vote being taken all the Gentlemen present were in favour of it except M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Wright

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 21. 1807. Present Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Wright, Oliver, Chapman, Kettle,

The Comm^{ee}. of the Market informed the Board that the additional Stalls were nearly completed at the west end of the Hall—the following resolutions were adopted—that for the future no Beef should be sold in any of the Stalls west of the Hall & that y^{e}. Comm^{ee}. be authorised to lease the new stalls for one year at the rate of one Dollar p week for each Stall—the Rent to be paid quarterly to the Town Treasurer—

[**364.**] The Sergeant of Joseph Lorings Company & one from the company of Fusileers, applied for their proportion of powder for their review the 22^{d}. Ins^{t}. they were informed that the Board had directed a sufficient quantity of powder for all the Troops, to be made into Cartrdges, & that the Brigade Quarter Master Maj^{r}. Phillips would deliver them to each Comp^{y}. on the field—

A precept was received from the Judge of Probates to make enquiry into the circumstances of M^{r}. Thomas Downey the same was handed to the Chairman to enquire & Report

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 26. 1807. A: M Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Chapman, Wright Kettle—

Additional Jurors drawn for Circuit Court to fill up vacancies, drawn—the same entered on Jury Books &^{c}

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Octo^{r}. 26. 1807—P: M Present. Bulfinch Tilden, Oliver, May, Wright, Chapman, Kettle—

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 28. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Chapman, Kettle, Oliver Tilden—

Passed upon other Accounts—

In consequence of a report made of the circumstances of Mr. Thomas Downey—return was signed to the Judge of Probate recommending that a Guardian should be appointed for him—

A number of the Proprietors of Lands & Houses in Round Lane having agreed to remove their fences for the purpose of straightening & widening the street previous to its being paved; the Commrs. of that quarter, with the Chairman & Mr. Chapman Reported, that they had viewed the Street & thought it highly expedient that the westerly end should also be widened, by setting back the fence of Mr. Hunt on the north side & the fence of Mr. Jenks on the south side—but as neither of these Gentlemen are in Town to be applied to, they have requested Mr. Ozias Goodwin & Colo. Joseph May to view the situation of the Street, & the land [**365.**] intended to be taken from each Abuttor, that they may be able to give a correct opinion, if any claim for damages should hereafter be made by any of the Parties—

The Proprietors of the Candle makers on Boston Neck having applied for a licence to erect a Building for trying Tallow on the rear of the lot owned by Mr. Blake the Overseer of the Works; the situation was viewed by the Chairman & Mr. Porter, who Reported—that it would be convenient for the business; it was agreed to license the same according to the 1st. section of the law of this Commonwealth passed June 7. 1705—entitled "an Act for preventing Common Nuisances"—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 5. 1807—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, May, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman, Kettle—

The Board was engaged in drawing 22. Grand Jurors and 60 Petit Jurors for the Supreme Judicial Court & four for Circuit Court—the same is entered on the Jury Books—no other business done which was matter of Record—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 11. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May Wright, Kettle,

Upon the recommendation of a number of the Inhabitants in favor of Mr. Joshua Eaton—it was agreed to renew his license as an Auchtioneer—

A Communication was received from the Overseers of the poor to inform the Board that Mr. Leverett had in presence of witnesses entered upon part of the land on which the Almshouse stands, which he claimed for himself & others as a highway, originally laid out by the Leverett family, & now otherwise appropriated without their consent—

The Chairman was desired to hand to H. G. Otis Esq a copy of the original plan of said land & streets together with all copies relating to the division among y^e^. heirs of Leverett & the purchase made by the Town & to request him to defend the Towns possession—Also that M^r^. Otis should be desired to appear & defend the proceedings of the Board at the Supreme Court in the case of William Welch's Store taken down in State Street—

[**366.**] Agreed that the Chairman should furnish the Gentlemen living in Somerset place, with a flat stone walk across said place to be laid wherever they should think most convenient & useful—

M^r^. Thatcher the Town Advocate having investigated the title of the Town & the Abutters of the Lane called Dorsetts Alley leading from Court Street to Brattle Square, gave his opinion in Writing that it was a Town way for Horses & Carriages & that the Abuttors had no right to prevent the passing of Carriages—and that the Town was obliged to keep the same in repair—

The Comm^ee^. of Brattle Street having agreed to give 100 D. towards repairing & paving said Alley with a flat walk in the Centre, it was agreed to pay one half of the remaining expence—the Abuttors agreeing to pay the other half—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r^. 16. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Oliver, Porter, Wright, Kettle—

Jurors drawn to supply vacancies in the list drawn for Supreme Court, also 6 Jurors drawn for District Court which have been entered in Jury Book—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 18—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, Chapman, Wright, Kettle—

The application of Perkins Nichols for a Town Meeting considered, the determination thereon referred to a special Meeting to Morrow 12. o.' Clock—absent Members to be notified—

A special Meeting was called, but a sufficient number did not attend to transact business of such importance [as to be made matter of record]

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r^. 25. 1807 —Present Bulfinch, Tilden, Chapman, Oliver,

No business transacted.—

[367.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 30 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Chapman, Wright, Kettle, Hunnewell, Porter, Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 2^{d}. Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Wright, May, Kettle, Oliver, Hunnewell Chapman

Approved the Indentures of John Bellingham Palmer a Minor of the age of 18 Years to Capt. Freeman Atkins, to be in force untill the 20^{t}. of March 1810—

M^{r}. Samuel Cartwright was chosen Measurer of Wood coming from the Country, over West Boston Bridge

Application being received from Engine Comp^{y}. N°. 12—for the enlargement of the Room lately added to their Engine House by the South Bridge—and another application for a Room to be made to the Engine house in Orange Street—after some discussion it was Voted to request the opinion of the Fire-wards, what dimensions would be most suitable for the use of the Engine Companies, to be added to such Engine houses as stand on land owned by the Town, or in such situations as may be considered permanent

M^{r}. Porter Wright & Hunnewell a Comm^{ee}. to look out for situations for the Engine house now on M^{r}. Mays land in Orange Street, & for that called the Purchase Street Engine.

Liberty having been lately given to M^{r}. Haskins to lay a Platform from his Land at the bottom of Rainsford lane to the northerly end of Front Street, subject to be removed whenever the Board should require it—information was given that M^{r}. Haskins in consequence of the above indulgence, had built a fence & inclosed for his own use that part of the Dock which he had planked over—Voted that M^{r}. Haskins be directed to remove the fence immediately onto his own line & leave the Platform open for public use—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 16. 1807 —Present Mess: Bulfinch, Chapman, Hunnewell, Wright, Tilden, Oliver,

[368.] Application was received from M^{r}. John Peck, Agent of the Mill Corporation, requesting that some mode might be adopted to designate the Towns proportion of certain parts of the Mill Pond to enable him to make further progress in filling by sale & otherwise—

This subject led to a discussion which occupied the principal part of the time—and it was agreed that the plans of the Pond & the proposed Streets should be handed to the several Members of the Board for examination previous to next Meeting—

The Members of the Engine Company in Atkinson Street presented a request for an enlargement of their Engine-house & that it might be removed to the bottom of Summer Street—Agreed to view the situation proposed previous to coming to a decision—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 23^{d}. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle, Oliver,

It having been observed that a number of Boys had assembled on the Frog Pond on Sunday last for skating—the Chairman was desired to employ a Constable to attend on the Common to prevent such practises in future & to make return of the names of such as should persist in this breach of the Sabbath, for prosecution—

M^{r}. Porter was desired to employ workmen to make an addition to the Engine house in Orange Street with a Chimney therein—provided M^{r}. May will consent to sell a suitable piece of his land for this purpose, or will lease the Spot on which the house now stands for ten years at the rate of ten dollars p Annum

M^{r}. Wright was desired to have a like addition made to the Purchase Street Engine house (so called) provided he can obtain a lease of land from the Heirs of Jeffery Richardson on High Street on which to place the said Engine house

Representation having been made of the necessity of additional measurer of Wood coming over the Neck—M^{r}. Daniel Oliver was chosen for that purpose—Jurors to supply vacancies drawn & entered on Jury Books

[**369.**] Boston ss: Granted by [At a meeting of] the Selectmen Decr. 28^{t} Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Chapman, Wright, Porter, May, Hunnewell, Kettle Oliver,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 30. 1807 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Hunnewell, Wright, Kettle, Chapman, Porter, May,

Passed on other Acco^{ts}—

Boston December 30. 1807—Return was made by Deacon Daniel Bates of the expence attending the laying a Common Sewer in Short Street the Account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen, is by them allowed & an *Assessment* was made by them & an order of payment was made & delivered Deacon [Bates] as follows—

Whereas a drain or common shore has been laid in Short Street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to Three hundred & sixty one dollars & such expence is to be borne by such person or persons whose Drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of said town or by the major part of them who are empowered by law to apportion the same Therefore we the subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby certify that having considered the same expence by whom it ought to be paid *Do Adjudge* that the same shall be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named—Viz^{t}.—

	Jarvis & Howland being the proportion agreed to be paid by Comm^{ee}. of Short Street thro'. Wallaces Garden		71 ,, 69—
	Jonathan Hunnewell	1 Share	18 ,, 10
	David Bates	2	36 ,, 20
	F. Tufts	1	18 ,, 10
	S. Francis	1	18 ,, 10
	J. Trask	1	18 ,, 10
	M^{r}. Welles	1	18 ,, 10
	L. Ludden	2	36 ,, 20
	J. Shed	1	18 ,, 10
	Callender & Jenkins	2	36 ,, 20
[370.]	James H. Foster	1 Drain	18 ,, 10
	Estate of Thom^{s}. Bradlee	1 ditto	18 ,, 10
	Estate of Hannah Row	1 ditto	18 ,, 10
	Thomas Hearsay	1 ditto	18 ,, 10

And we hereby appoint Thomas Hearsey to demand & receive the same from the persons above named & to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
JON^{A}. HUNNEWELL
FR. WRIGHT
JONA. CHAPMAN
JOHN MAY
JOSEPH KETTLE
} Selectmen

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 4. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Kettle, Tilden, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright Chapman

This Meeting was called to consider the plans of Streets in Mill Pond & to adopt measures to enable the Mill corporation to proceed to fill the Pond—The plans were exhibited & examined & various improvements & alterations suggested the subject was generally considered, but no decision had thereon.

The Board being informed that an English Vessell was to sail on the Morrow for Grenoch; the Chairman was desired to write to the Honble. James Bowdoin Esq. now in London to request him to secure such additional depositions in the suit of the Town against Ward. N. Boylston as appears deficient in the papers lately received from M^r^. Stackpole—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 6. 1808 Messrs: Bulfinch Hunnewell Kettle, Wright, Chapman, May, Oliver,

[**371.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Jany. 13^t^. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman, Kettle, Oliver May

At the last Meeting Messrs: Bulfinch Hunnewell & Chapman a Committee to examine into the state of the Town Watch and to Report to the Board—to suggest what alteration or addition may be necessary—

The Mill Pond again under consideration, various plans were examined, but nothing decided upon

An application was received signed by a number of Sailors stating their embarrassed situation in consequence of the Embargo & praying for relief & assistance—

This Petition was handed in by M^r^. John White the first who had signed it, he was questioned on the subject of it & respecting the other persons whose names were on the paper—after considering the said petition it appeared to the Board that a large proportion of the applicants were not subjects of this Town or State; and the Chairman was desired to endorse the petition to our Representatives in the General Court to be laid before the Legislature—

The Pond Street Corporation having petitioned the Legislature for a continuance of time to complete that Street—The Chairman M^r^. Tilden & M^r^. Wright were desired to attend the Comm^ee^. of the General Court to whom the same was committed & to lay before them the plans of the Mill Pond & to state the embarrassments which have arisen in consequence of the new Pond Street & in case a continuance of time should be granted to endeavour

to obtain a condition in the Resolve that the Street Corporation should be under obligation to complete it in the time allowed without expence to the Town

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 15. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden Oliver Hunnewell Wright Chapman Kettle—

This Meeting was called to meet a Comm^{ee}. of the Genl. Court upon the subject of the petition of the Sailors for relief—

[**372.**] By desire of the Courts Comm^{ee}. a number of the Sailors attended & answered to such enquiries as were made to them; the Comm^{ee}. informed them that they would attend to their application & recommended them to conduct themselves quietly & not to assemble in great numbers in the Streets—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 20. 1808— Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Oliver Wright May Chapman Kettle—

Two of the Sailors who had presented the Petition to the Board for relief appeared & were informed that their petition had been presented to the General Court but that they had returned it without making any provision for them—

They were then advised to behave quietly & not to assemble in numbers, but in case of suffering any distress to apply to the Overseers of the Poor for relief—

The Chairman was desired to publish an abstract of the laws relating to the measuring & sale of Wood brought into town by land & the names of the measurers—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 25. 1808— Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, May, Wright, Kettle, Chapman,

Passed Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 7. 1808— Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Chapman Porter, Kettle, May, Oliver, Hunnewell Wright—

Passed upon other Accounts—

Agreed to pay M^{r}. Edward Bell for Land taken from his lot in Fish Street for the purpose of widening the Street the sum of one hundred & ten dollars, he to give a deed of his land to the Town & an obligation to remove the Wooden Building now on the land—upon the 1st. day of May next—

Mr. David Bradley appeared to request of the Board that the Scales in front of the Store owned by him at the West end of the Market should be allowed to remain having been in their present position for 13 Years & the house having been leased to the [**373.**] present occupant with that privilege—the subject was fully considered & agreed to suspend taking away those Scales for the present—

The Committee of the Market directed to make a final arangement of the rent of the Stalls inside Faneuil Hall, and to consider whether any place on the Towns land could be appropriated for a set of Scales, the income for weighing in which should be for the benefit of the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 3d. 1808 Present Messrs. Bulfinch, May, Kettle, Oliver,

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 10. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, May, Kettle

Return was made of the expence of paving Round Street which amounted to 782 Dollars after deducting what had been allowed by the Board—This Sum was proportioned upon the several Owners & Abutters on the Street as by papers on file of mixed papers—

Passed upon a number of Licenses for Sale of Spirits

Mr. Cotting appeared & renewed his application for compensation for land taken to widen Battery March Street from the Land he purchased of David Tilden Esq.—after some conversation it was agreed to assign next Wednesday for the consideration of this subject & absent Members to be notified of the same—

Return was made by John Amory Esq. of the Expence attending the opening & relaying the Common Sewer in Fitches Lane towards Sudbury Street; the account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen an order of payment was made out & delivered to the aforesaid John Amory Esq. which is as follows—

Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer in Fitches Lane at West Boston & continued from thence towards Sudbury Street has been laid conformably to the direction of the Selectmen—

[**374.**] the whole expence whereof according to the accounts laid before & examined by us amounts to Four hundred & seven Dollars & thirty four cents, and as such expence is to be borne by such person or persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them, who are empowered by law to apportion

the same—The said John Amory having agreable to law notified all the concerned before he had proceeded on the business, & the objections that had been made having been considered Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certifie that having considered the said Expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid Do ADJUDGE that the same should be paid in the proportion following & by the Persons hereafter named viz[t]—

Stephen Codman - - - -	2 Houses - -	$54 ,, 32
M[rs]: Carter - 1 house -	2 shares - -	54 ,, 32
D[r]. Catin - - - - - - -	1 House - -	27 ,, 16
Estate of John M[c].lain - -	1 House - -	27 ,, 16
John Amory - - - - - -	6 Houses - -	162 ,, 96
S. & N. Appleton - - -	3 Shares - -	81 ,, 48
		$407 ,, 40

And we do hereby Authorise & empower the said John Amory to Collect the same, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
DAVID TILDEN
WILLIAM PORTER
EBENEZER OLIVER
JOHN MAY—
JOHN KETTLE
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 17. 1808—Present Mess[rs]: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Chapman Kettle, Oliver,

Grand Jurors & Petit Jurors for G. & C. Court drawn & entred [in] Jury Books—

On the application of M[r]. David Jones the Board consented to license him as an Auchtioneer to carry on the business at the Office on the North side of the Market occupied by M[r]. John Jones who retires from the business in consequence of ill health—The Town Clerk is directed to give a Certificate to M[r]. David Jones upon the former Certificate to John Jones being delivered to [by] him & cancelled—

[**375.**] This time being assigned for considering the application of M[r]. Uriah Cotton for land thrown into Battery March Street from the Estate purchased by him & others from David Tilden Esq.—the papers were read & the subject fully considered when it was voted that the Chairman be instructed to inform M[r]. Cotting that the Board will allow three thousand Dollars for the

land added to Battery March Street: & that the Treasurer be directed to give his note therefor payable in twelve months upon Mr. Cotton & his Associates giving the Town a deed of all the lands added by them to Battery March Street & the Cross Streets laid out by them from that Street to India Street & engaging to level the said Streets with Gravel to the satisfaction of the Selectmen

Mr. George Trott presented his account of the [proceeds of the] Hay Scales the present Year which was examined & approved and the Treasurer directed to settle said accounts upon his receiving the ballance of One hundred & forty three dollars in full to the 1t. of January last

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 24. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, May, Chapman, Kettle,

Mr. Eleazer Homer produced a subscription paper wherein a number of Gentlemen engage to maintain an addional Watch of 5 Men for two months for the security of the Houses & property in Fish Street & Ship Street—

Voted that the persons so employed as watchmen under the direction of John Kemp the Constable of said Watch, be vested with the powers of Watchmen according to law & that Mr. Low the Constable of the North Watch be directed to give them all the aid in his power to promote the object of the Gentlemen who have subscribed & the security of the Town—

Plans of the Mill Pond Street under consideration—

Voted that Mr. Bulfinch Hunnewell & Chapman be a Commee. to arange a plan of the pond with Streets & Market Square & to confer with Mr. Peck the Agent of the pond corporation for the final adoption of such a plan as shall be agreeable to all parties—

[**376.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Feby. 29. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Chapman, Kettle Porter, Hunnewell

Passed upon Accounts—

Voted, that the Treasurer be desired to give his note for $700 —to Dr. Nathaniel Smith or his legal representatives for the land taken to widen Fish Street & the entrance of the North square— also to give a note to Mr. Thomas Curtis for 475 for his Land taken for the same purpose; being from both Estates 2½ feet in width on Fish Street & five feet wide on the entrance to the Square—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2d. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Chapman, Kettle—

Passed upon other Accounts—

Warrant issued for Town Meeting on Monday the 14t. Day of March Inst. at Faneuil Hall 10 o'.Clock A: M: for the choice of Town Officers &c—

Messrs: Oliver & Munroe to have the printing of the Notifications for March Meeting—

Revd. Dr. Eckley to be called upon by the Chairman to request his opening the Town Meeting with prayer

The Assessors handed to the Board a list of qualified Voters according to Law—Mr. Snelling was present & stated that the Assessors had taken great pains to make the list correct—The Lists having been examined by the several Members present, it was ordered that they be printed part of them by Belcher & Armstrong & the remainder by Snelling & Simons—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Tilden, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell Chapman, May, Kettle

Return was made by Jont. Hunnewell Esq of the expence of repairing and now laying the Drain in Pecks Lane, [**377.**] Account whereoff being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed, they being informed at the same time that all Persons concerned in said Drain had been duly warned according to law—the objections that were entered having been considered, Assessments were made thereon, an Order of payment was made thereon by the Selectmen and delivered to Mr. Moses Thayer for a Collection as follows—

Whereas a Drain or Common Shore in Pecks Lane has been relaid & repaired conformably to the direction of the Selectmen the whole Expence whereof amounts to One hundred & fifty Dollars, which expence is to be borne by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby; Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby Certifie that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid—Do ADJUDGE that the same should be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named

		Dollars
William Boardman - - - -	1 Share - - -	17
Joseph Russell (or Otis) - -	2 do - - - -	34
John Louis - - - - - - -	1 do - - - -	17—

		Dollars
Jon[a]. Hunnewell - - - - - -	1 Share - - -	17
William White - - - - - -	1 d° - - - - -	17
James Morse - - - - - - -	1 d° - - - - -	17
M[r]. Corbet - - - - - - -	1 d° - - - - -	17
John May - - - - - - - -	1 d° - - - - -	17
	9—	

And we hereby appoint M[r]. Moses Thayer to demand and receive the same from the Persons before named, and to give discharges therefor—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch Tilden Porter Oliver Hunnewell Chapman May Kettle

Exchanged with Jonathan Harris Esq the papers relative to the Water Course in Water Street viz[t]. Delivered him a Deed of said Water Course & received from him an Instrument by which he engages to keep a Common Sewer under his new Buildings in Water Street in repair for ever—also a Deed [378.] of a peice of Land in Milk Street on which the Cataract Engine house stands—

Approved the Indentures of Francis Attole a Minor to Louis Le Grand Barber, to continue in force untill the 10. of Septem[r]. 1815—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 16 1808— Present Mess[rs]: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Kettle, Chapman,

This being the first Meeting of the Board since the Town Meeting for choice of Town Officers, the Members present took the Oath prescribed by Law before John Gardner Esq. Justice of the Peace.—

The Board then proceeded to the choice of a Chairman by ballot; the Votes being taken, Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be chosen—

The Chairman was desired to insert in the papers the same advertizement which was printed last Year respecting the list of Voters posted for inspection—also to take measures for the choice of Assistant Assessors on the first Wednesday of April next—

On the application of a number of Gentlemen handed in by Benjamin Russell Esq. Liberty was granted them to make use of Faneuil Hall on the Evening previous to the first Monday in April next—

Capt. Purkets Comp^{y}. have liberty to make use of the Military hall on Friday Evenings in the fortnight to commence from Friday next: also to take possession of any one of the Armories not yet appropriated to deposit Arms &^{c}—

M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Chapman a Comm^{ee}. to view a Stable in Sudbury Street belonging to the Estate of Eben^{r} Storer Esq. Cyril Lee applies for liberty to use as a Livery Stable—

M^{r}. Chairman Porter & Oliver a Comm^{ee}. to view the East end of Pleasant Street, to prevent any encroachment from y^{e}. Building now placing there, & to endeavour to straighten that part of the Street—

[**379.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen March 23^{d}. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Chapman, Hunnewell, Wright May,

Francis Wright Esq was sworn according to law by John Gardner Esq. previous to taking his seat at the Board—

A pe[ti]tion was presented signed by all the Abuttors on Pleasant Street, requesting that measures should be taken for paving that Street—The Comm^{ee}. appointed to view Pleasant Street at the last Meeting were desired to measure the same & to enquire into the state of the drains & common sewers—also to consider whether any mode can be adopted to obtain gravel from Fox hill for the repair of streets—

A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the North part of the Town requesting that the Bell of the North Church should be rang at the usual hours was referred for consideration—

A remonstrance from Gentlemen bordering on Dock Square against the nuisance occasioned by fisherman & others, blowing horns & trumpets was committed to the Chairman

Warrant was signed for the Town Meeting for choice of Governor & Senators—on Monday the 4^{t}. of April next—

The Chairman & M^{r}. Porter desired to call upon Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Clay to request him to open the Meeting with prayer

Pursuant to a venire from the Clerk of Common pleas 28 Jurors were drawn for that Court & the Meeting Adjourned to the 30th. Ins^{t}. to fill such vacancies as should occur—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen March 28^{t}. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter Hunnewell May Chapman Wright, Webb, Foster,

Passed on Accounts.—

Mr. Nathan Webb & Mr. Joseph Foster having been chosen at the Town Meeting this Day to fill the vacancies at the Board of Selectmen, they now took their places and the oath was administered to them according to law by John Gardner Esq

[380.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30 [1808] Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, May, Webb, Foster, Hunnewell, Chapman, Wright,

Passed upon other Accounts—

On the petition from the persons resident in Sea Street,

Voted, that one hundred dollars be allowed in addition to the sums raised by the applicants for gravelling that street; the work to be done under the direction of Mr. Hunnewell and to the acceptance of the Board—

The Commee. chosen to view the Stable in Sudbury Street Reported that it was not expedient to licence the same as a Livery Stable—the Report was accepted—

The following Divisions of Committees was agreed upon

Mr. Webb, to have charge of that part of the Town west of Middle & North Streets to Milk Creek—
Mr. May, all East of the same Streets—
Mr. Bulfinch, Wards No. 6 & 7—
Mr. Chapman, Wards No. 4 & 5
Mr. Hunnewell - - Ward No. 8—
Mr. Wright - - - Ward No. 9—
Mr. Foster - - - Ward No. 10—
Mr. Oliver - - - Ward No. 11—
Mr. Porter - - - Ward No. 12—

Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter & Hunnewell a Committee on the Neck—

Mess: Oliver Hunnewell & Foster a Commee. for the Common

The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Foster a Commee to consider the subject of the Market, generally, for the establishment of Rents, regulation of Carts & Scales—to Report this day fortnight, previous to choice of Clerk of the Market—

Mr. Chapman was requested to make inquiry of the Sheriffs respecting the Constables during the past Year

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 13. 1808—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Chapman, Hunnewell, Webb, Foster—

[381.] On the application of Capt. Thomas Howe it is ordered that Mr. Burbeck deliver him 28¾ pounds of powder, being the quantity which the Fusileer Company was entitled to, at the last public training, but which was not then delivered to them—

The Plan of Mill Pond Streets under consideration—the board discussed the subject generally & agreed to meet on Saturday next 10. O Clock to view Back Street & the passage way leading therefrom to determine from, which, of them Cross Streets should be laid to Pond Street—

Market arangements were also discussed & the Commee was directed to Report at next Meeting—

A number of Licenses for retailers acted upon and allowed—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 20. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, Chapman, Hunnewell, Oliver, Webb, Foster,

The Commee. to consider the arangements to be adopted for the Market reported at length, which was read & amended & then accepted—The Board came to the choice of a Clerk of the Market to commence the business on the 1t. of May—the applications being read, the Votes were taken, when Mr. Nathaniel Meriam was unanimously chosen—

A number of Gentlemen who occupy Stores in Broad Street applied to request that measures should be taken to forward the paving that Street as soon as the season would permit—the Chairman was desired to advertize for proposals for supplying paving Stones & Gravel,—

On the application of proprietors of Land in Chestnut Street for liberty to lay a common sewer & requesting that legal measures should be taken to apportion the expences upon such persons as should enter the same with drains in future—Agreed that such drain be laid with brick & covered with slate in all parts where the Salt water does not flow into it—& that upon the proprietors making a return of the expences the Board would apportion the same to the present & future proprietors—

[382.] An application was received for a pound to be built at South Boston, also for another on the Neck—referred for consideration to the Neck Committee—

Approved of the Indentures of Andrew Donnaldson a Minor & Forreigner to William Wyman, Leather Dresser to continue in force untill the 6t. of August 1814—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27^{t}. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Chapman, Wright, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Porter

Passed upon Accounts—

The permanent Assessors, had their oath of Office administred to them by the Town Clerk—

The Board came to the choice of two Sealers of weights & measures, and M^{r}. Richard Austin was chosen for the southern district, and M^{r}. Timothy Green for the northern district—

Warrant issued for Town Meetings on the 11th. & 12th. of May next, for choice of Representatives, and for transacting the usual business of the Town at May Meeting—

M^{r}. True to have the printing of the Notifications for May Meetings

M^{r}. Chairman & M^{r}. Chapman appointed to apply to M^{r}. Buckminster & to request him to open the Town Meeting with prayer—

The Chairman presented such Members of the Board as are present with a Copy of the new Jury law,—that they might prepare for the duties assigned them—

A new plan of Mill Pond Streets was presented by the Chairman—which was approved and directed to be handed to the Agent of the Mill Corporation for their consent and concurrence—

[**383.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 4. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Chapman, Porter, Webb, Foster, Wright,

Applications for the Office of Constable were open'd & the Names of their Sureties read—after some consideration Voted, to postpone the choice untill the 18th. Ins^{t}.—

The subject of an improved organization of the Police establishment was considered, when it was proposed that two Assistants be chosen for two separate Districts of this Town—this subject was referred for decision unto the next Meeting—

The remainder of the time was occupied in inspecting the lists of qualified Voters preparatory to making new lists for Jury Boxes according to the late law of the General Court—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Wright, Chapman, Foster, Webb, Hunnewell,

This time being Assigned for the choice of Constables, the following Persons were declared to be chosen—The Town Clerk was directed not to administer the Oath of Office unto any one untill he shall have brought a Certificate from the Town Treasurer that he had duly executed his Bond—

Constables

	Thomas Stevenson sworn.	Sureties—Dudley Walker
		Thom^{s}. Stevenson Junr.
	Amos Lewis - (sworn)	Thomas Lewis
		Joshua Ellis
	Elisha Copeland - - - -	John Perry
		John Gibson
	Henry Lane - (sworn)	Caleb Whiting
		Josiah Danforth
	Moses Thayer - - - - -	Nathl. Frothingham
		Samuel Sanger
	Levy Joy - - - - - - - -	
[384.]	John Deverell - (sworn) -	Joseph Batson
		William Whall
	Jirah Holbrook - - - - -	Jon^{a}. Merry
		Edward Staples
	Samuel White - - - - -	William Babcock
		John Badger
	Solomon Twist - - - - -	Moses Gardner
		Jonas Twist
	James Sumner - - - - -	James Ridgway
		Thom^{s}. W. Sumner
	William Brooks (sworn) -	Timothy Fuller
		John Amory
	James Perkins - (sworn) -	Timothy Green
		James Williams—

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The Board having determined to come to the choice of a Superintendent of Police & two Assistants, the Votes were taken, & Charles Bulfinch Esq was chosen Superintendent for the Year ensuing—John W. Folsom was chosen Assistant for North Division & M^{r}. Jeremiah Bridge for the South Division of the Town—The South division to include the Long Wharff, State Street Court Street, & all to the South of those Streets—the North Division to include all to the North of the above named Streets—

Mr. Wright & Mr. Foster a Commee. to confer with the Counsel employed in the Suit against W. N. Boylston Esq & to consider what further measures should be adopted to enforce the Towns Claims against him—

Agreed that Mr. Wright should direct Workmen to lay a walk of flatt Stones cross the westerly end of Bury Street to Join the foot walk on each side in Federal Street

The Committee on the Mill Pond Reported a plan of Streets & conditions to be offered to the Mill Corporation—the Chairman was directed to hand the same in to the Agent of the Corporation—

[**385.**] Mr. B. B. Leeds appeared to answer some charges that had been made against him as a Constable & produced a number of recommendations & certificates in his favour— Mr. Leeds having been heard & the Board being satisfied with respect to his conduct, it was voted that he be continued a Constable for the ensuing year—his Bondsmen (sworn)
Jeremiah Gore
Samuel Babcock—

A number of papers were read, lately received from the Assignes of Thomas Boylston Esq. relative to his affairs & the Towns future claims upon the residue of his property—the papers were handed to Mr. Wright & Mr. Foster, the Committee on that subject, to confer with our Council thereon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 30. 1808—
Present Mess: Bulfinch, Wright, Porter, Webb,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1. 1808
Present Mess: Bulfinch, Wright, Porter, Foster, May, Oliver, Webb,

Passed upon other Accounts

A list of Applicants for Licenses to sell Spirituous liquors was acted upon—

Mr. Benoit who has opened a Shop at the head of the Mall for Confectionery—applied for license, but was refused, & the Chairman was desired to notify him of the law which forbids the sale of any articles on the Sabbath—and to prosecute him if he continue to upon his Shop on that day—

Mr. James Vila applies for license to keep a Livery Stable back of his house in Court Street—Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Chapman a Committee to view the place & report—

On the application of Mr. Godfrey for compensation for land taken to widen Fish Street, & of Mr. Prince Snow relative to the intentions of the Board to widen that Street in future the [**386.**] Chairman Mr. Wright & Mr. May were appointed a Commrs. to confer with the Applicants & Report—

Agreed to build a Pound at So. Boston, the expence not to exceed 40 Dollars—and the Proprietors agreeing to provide a suitable place for it, free of expence to the Town—

Mr. Samuel Prince was approved as an Auchtioneer

The Board made choice of Andrew Ritchie Junr. Esq. to deliver an oration on the 4t. of July next, being the Anniversary of American Independence — the Chairman was directed to Notify him of the choice—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8t. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Wright, Oliver, May, Webb,

Jurors drawn for the Supreme Court, District Court & Court of Common Pleas all of which are entered in Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15th. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Webb, Chapman,

The Chairman Mr. Wright & Mr. Oliver, a Committee to make arangements for the celebration of the 4t. of July next—and to wait on the Governour to request the Company of the Supreme Executive at the Town Oration—

The Board came to the choice of a Chaplain to perform the Religous services on that day; and the Revd. Dr. Eliot was unanimously chosen—the above named Committee was desired to inform him of the choice—

Upon consideration of the proper disposal of the sum Voted by the Town for the Streets the ensuing season, it was agreed that the amount hereafter named should be appropriated as follows—

For regulating & paving Pleasant Street - - -	$1500—
for ditto & paving Broad Street - - - - -	3500—
For do. - - do. - Short Street - - - -	400—
for do. - - do. - Rainsford Lane - - -	550—
for do. - - do. - Bromfields Lane - - -	300—
	$6250—

[**387.**] And for the inspection & direction of the work in said Streets—Voted, that Mr. Oliver be Joined with Mr. Porter for Pleasant Street—

That Mr. Oliver & Hunnewell be a Committee for Short Street & Rainsford Lane—

Mr. Bulfinch & Mr. Foster, for Bromfields Lane, and Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Chapman & Mr. Wright be a Committee for Broad Street, and that they apply to the Proprietors of India Street for liberty to land the paving Stones for Broad Street on their Wharff free of expence to the Town, & that this be considered the condition on which the Board consent to pave that Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May Wright. Chapman, Webb, Foster,

Jurors drawn to supply vacancies in the lists of such Persons as were absent from Town & entred in Jury Books—

A Communication was received from the Agent of the Mill Corporation proposing several alterations of the conditions last proposed by the Board which are on file—the same was considered, & a vote was taken on each article, when it was determined to adhere to the former proposals & the Chairman was requested to communicate the above—

The Act of the Legislature was read, empowering the Pond street Corporation to reduce that Street to 45 feet wide, also Mr. Pecks proposal to exchange with Perkins Nichols thirty thousand feet of land not filled up, on the south side of Pond Street for that portion of the said Street allowed by the Court to be deducted from it.

Voted to agree to the above exchange & to convey to Perkins Nichols one eighth part of said 33000 feet when the Street shall be compleated from Hanover Street to Charles River Bridge and upon the Pond street Corporation releasing by Deed to the Town one eighth of the land taken from the north side of the Street—the whole to be done within the time last allowed by the Legislature.

The new Lists for the Jury Boxes were examined and revised previous to being laid before the Town at the next Meeting on the 27 Inst—

[**388.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27t. Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter Hunnewell May Wright Webb.

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Wright Hunnewell Chapman,

Passed upon Accounts—

Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Eliot who was invited to perform the religious services of the 4^{t}. of July, being absent from Town, it was Voted the Chairman apply to Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Lowell to request him to officiate on that occasion—

Ordered that the Sextons be notified to ring the Bells of all the places of worship in the Town on the Morning of the 4^{t}. of July —for one hour, to commence at 6. o'. Clock—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7. 1808— Present Mess: Bulfinch, Wright, May, Webb, Porter, Foster,—

On an application from the Capt. of the North Watch Col^{o}. May was requested to look out a more suitable place for a Watch House in that part of the Town

The Chairman was desired to take Measures for having the Drain cleared & repaired from Common Street across the Mall &^{c}—

Upon considering the application of M^{r}. Oden & others in Hanover Street for liberty to lay a new Common Sewer in that Street, and having heard the Workmens statement of the present situation of the Drains, liberty is granted as requested—

Voted, to agree to the request of Thomas Dennie & others, that Temple Street should be regulated & crown'd with Gravel, on condition that the Abuttors first set a range of curb Stones on each side & gravel the side walks—

M^{r}. Wright was desired to apply to Capen & Drake to furnish the usual quantity of Wood to the Schools at the rate of four Dollars p Cord—

The following named persons were approved as Auctioneers for the Year ensuing—Viz^{t}.—

[389.] Samuel Clap
Thomas K. Jones
Samuel Bradford
Robert Gardner
John Perkins
Thomas Clark
John W. Quincy
William Alline
Azor G. Archbold
William Dehone
Silas Field
Richard Edwards
William Leveret
John Kennedy
John Jutau
Benjamin Sweetser
Appleton Prentice
George Carter

Daniel Wild	Elisha Field
Samuel Blagge	Samuel Pipe Junr.
Nathaniel P. Hews	George Burroughs Junr.
Benjamin Tucker	Amos Lewis Junr.
Lewis Hayt	Jonathan Allen
Cornelius Coolidge	Benjamin Pollard
Samuel Bridge	Francis Wright Junr.
Joseph Ripley	Joshua Eaton
Caleb Hayward	Samuel Prince
Stoddard Capen	John A. Parkman
Philip Amadon	George Spooner

Mem^{o}. 1 more July 27—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13th. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright Chapman, Webb, Foster,

The Chairman presented the form of an Indenture between the Agent of the Mill Corporation & the Selectmen relative to the adoption of Streets in the Mill Pond & the location of the Acre assign'd for public use—which Indenture had been prepared & agreed upon by the Counsel employed by both parties—the same having been repeatedly read and some corrections made—the Chairman was desired to have the same engrossed on the back of the original Indentures between the Towns Commissioners & the Mill Pond Proprietors, & to be ready for signing by the Parties at the next Meeting—

M^{r}. Wright & M^{r}. Hunnewell were desired to have a Gutter paved down the Passage way leading from Purchase Street to Fosters Wharff & to carry the same across the Street to the Dock if they should Judge it expedient—

The Chairman was empowered to have a gutter paved down Park Street & one or two gutters across Beacon Street to prevent the wash from the upper Streets doing damage to the Common—

[**390.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 20. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, May, Wright, Hunnewell, Chapman, Porter, Webb,

Boston ss:

Messrs. Joseph Wade & Warren Jacobs, having obtained liberty from the Selectmen on the 28th. March 1808 to dig up as much of Copper Street as might be necessary to lay a Common Sewer therein to convey the Water from their Cellars to the Sea, at the west end of Leverett Street—& the aforenamed Joseph Wade having on the 20th. day of July 1808, made return of the expence of laying said Common Sewer & of the names of the persons who are benefitted thereby or have made use thereof;

the same is now considered by the Selectmen, & the account having been found correct & to amount for that portion laid in Copper Street to One hundred & fifty seven Dollars 56 Cents & for that portion of the same Drain laid in Second Street to fifty eight Dollars 62 cents—the same is apportioned as follows—

		D.	C
Joseph Wade - - - -	1 Share Copper Street - -	11 ,,	24
	1 d°. 2d. Street - - - -	7 ,,	60
Isaac Deverell - - - -	2 Shares Copper Street - -	22 ,,	52
	2 d°. 2d. Street - - - -	15 ,,	20
Warren Jacobs - - - -	1 Share Copper Street - -	11 ,,	26
	1 d°. 2d. Street - - - -	7 ,,	60
Hiram Coburn - - - -	1 Share Copper Street - -	11 ,,	26
	1 d°. 2d. Street - - - -	7 ,,	60
Michael Kennard - - -	1 Share Copper Street . -	11 ,,	26
	1—. d°. 2d. Street - - -	7 ,,	60
John Brooks - - - -	2 Shares Copper Street - -	22 ,,	52
	2—d° - - 2 Street - -	15 ,,	20
Margaret Webb - - -	1 Share Copper Street - -	11 ,,	26
William Scollay - - -	1 - d° - - d° - - - -	11 ,,	26
Joseph Muncrief - - -	1 - d° - - d° - - - -	11 ,,	26
Ebenezer Danforth - -	1 - d° - - d° - - - -	11 ,,	26
Bent Bronsdon - - - -	1 - d° - - d° - - - -	11 ,,	26
Daniel Hitchins - - -	1 - d° - - 2d. Street -	7 ,,	60
Joseph Eaton - - - -	one half Share in 2d. Street	3 ,,	80

And we hereby impower Mr. Joseph Wade to demand and receive the above named sums—

And [**391.**] to give discharges therefore to the Persons respectively Assessed—

Boston July 20. 1808—

CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY—
FRANCIS WRIGHT
JONA. CHAPMAN
NATHAN WEBB
} Selectmen of Boston

Several Gentlemen Residents in Snow Hill Street appeared to represent the situation of that Street in consequence of great quantities of Earth being carted through it lately to fill the Mill Pond—It was Voted that the Committee of that quarter be impowered to pave 9 feet in width from Prince Street to Sheaff Street, upon the Abuttors engaging to complete the paving of the Street to the satisfaction of the Board—

Mr. Wright & Mr. Chapman a Commee.—on the application of Mr. Benjamin Joy to view & ascertain the 1st. line in the Street of the Old Brick Church & to determine how far forward the new building may be advanced—

The Chairman Mr. Wright & Mr. Chapman a Commee on the application of the Directors of Charles River Bridge to consider the expediency of altering the course of Pond Street at the westerly end where it enters upon the Bridge

This time having been assigned for the completing the new indentures relative to the Mill Pond Street Market place &c.— the same were now duly executed by the Selectmen present as Commissioners on the part of the Town, & by John Peck Agent of the Mill Corporation & the same was acknowledged before John Gardner Esq. Justice of the Peace—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25t. 1808— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Chapman, Webb,

Passed upon Accounts—

[392.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Chapman, Webb,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston July 27. 1801—Return was made by Mr. Timothy Tileston of the expence attending the laying a Common Sewer in part of Nassau Street; the account thereof being examined by the Selectmen, is by them allowed, & an Assessment was made by them & an order of payment was made & delivered to Mr. Tileston as follows—

Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer has been made in the easterly part of Nassau Street conformably to the Instructions of the Selectmen, the whole Expence whereof amounts to two hundred & eighty dollars & as such expence is to be borne by such person or persons whose drains enter therein or who receive benefit therefrom, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen or the major part of them, who are impowered by law to apportion the same—

Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston, do hereby Certify, that having considered the same expence and by whom it ought to be paid—Do Adjudge that the same shall be paid in the proportion following & by the Persons hereafter named—

Mr. Cheever - - - - - -	1 Share - - - - -	$20—
William Lovering - - -	2 do - - - - - -	40—
John H. Wheeler - - -	1 do - - - - - -	20—
William Gooch - - - -	1 do - - - - - -	20—
Edward Johnson - - - -	1 do - - - - - -	20—
Perrin May - - - - - -	1 do - - - - - -	20—

Town of Boston - - - -	1 d° (School house)	$20—
Nahum Cutter - - - -	2 d° - - - - - -	40—
Milton Hall - - - - -	1 d° - - - - - -	20—
Joseph Hartshorne - - -	1 d° . - - - - -	20—
Smith & Blake - - - -	1 d° - - - - - -	20—
Perez Whiting - - - -	1 d° - - - - - -	20—

And we do hereby impower Mr. Timothy Tileston before named, to demand & receive the sums above named, and to give discharges therefor—

[**393.**] CHARLES BULFINCH
EBENR. OLIVER—
JOHN MAY
JONA. CHAPMAN
NATHAN WEBB—
} Selectmen

Mr. Richard Meagher applied for a License to act as an Auchtioneer— having produced satisfactory recommendations, he was accordingly approved, and the Town Clerk directed to give him a Certificate—

A list of Inholders & Retailers licensed in the past Year was received from the Clerk of the Court of Sessions—the same having been read & corrected, was signed by the Gentlemen present, and directed to be returned to the Court of Sessions—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 4t. 1808— Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Webb—

The Chairman & Mr. Chapman a Commee. on the application of William Minott Esq. for liberty to build a Livery Stable on land back of his House in Court Street—the Commee. to view & report—

Mr. Hunnewell a Committee to ascertain the number of Drains that enter into the Sewer laid by Mr. Skinner in Centre Street, also the number of Houses which receive benefit thereby

Mr. Rowe to be notified to fill the holes or otherwise to put into safe order for travelling, the Street opened by him through Land known by the name of Rowes Pasture—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 8, 1808— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, Oliver, May, Chapman, Webb—

Petitions were handed in signed by a large number of the Inhabitants requesting a Town Meeting to be called to be held tomorrow—Agreed to issue a Warrant for that purpose

M^{r}. John Russell to print Notifications—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 17^{t}. 1808—Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter Hunnewell, Oliver, Chapman, Foster, Webb,

[**394.**] The Comm^{ee}. chosen on the 20th. of July to view & ascertain the line of the Street in front of the Old Brick Meeting house Reported, that in their opinion the Proprietors may have liberty to advance with their new building as far forward as the front of the porch now standing & the railing before the house & no further—

The above report was read & considered at the meeting of the Board the 4th. Inst. and was accepted. The Chairman was desired to communicate a copy thereof to M^{r}. Joy, the present proprietor of the land & building—On the 5 Ins^{t}. a letter was received from M^{r}. Joy requesting to be heard respect^{g} his claims & he & the owners of the adjoining estates, were notified to appear before the Board which they accordingly did, repeatedly, and the present meeting was assigned for considering & determining the subject—At this time M^{r}. Joy appeared with Charles Pain Esq. & M^{r}. Joseph Peirce with Thomas Dawes Junr. Esq. M^{r}. Joy stated his claim to the land in front of the old brick church to the line of Corn hill as established by the Justices & Selectmen after the great fire in 1711—Upon referring to the Town books of that period, it appeared that the west side of Cornhill from Court Street to Williams's Court, now so called was laid out on the 14. of Novem^{r}. 1711 in a straight line—M^{r}. Peirces objections to this claim were heard; that the land between the porch & the line of the street was forfeited to the public from having laid open more than 60 years—

After the parties had been heard & had withdrawn, the subject was considered & it was determined by the members present (M^{r}. Hunnewell having withdrawn) that the west line of the street was as described on the record of Novr. 14. 1711 and the land within the line having been occupied by the proprietors of the building had not been forfeited by law—

The Chairman was then desired to inform M^{r}. Joy that the Board agreed to his proposal to bring his new building as far forward as the corner of Creases' estate & a line paralell at the same distance through the whole front, that no ornaments or pillars should advance further than this line, & that an angle of [**395.**] about 6 feet should be taken off from each corner of the Building and that he should give a deed to the Town of said angles or peices of land that they should be kept open & unincumbered with Buildings forever—

Several Persons having applied for the Office of Town Cryer, Mr. James Willson being very highly recommended was chosen to the Office—

Mr. Joseph Bumsted was approved as a Book Auchtioneer

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 24. 1808—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Hunnewell, Chapman, Foster, Webb,

Voted, That a Commee. of three be appointed to superintend the laying out of the Streets in the Mill Pond, according to the plan adopted by the Board & the Agent of the Corporation & to direct the course & level of all Common Sewers—And that said Commee. be empowered to adjust in behalf of the Board the claims of all or any of the Abutters on the Mill Pond, & for this purpose shall agree upon terms of sale to any of them of the Towns right of such portions of land or flatts as they may have taken possession of, or encroach'd upon & also of such portions of the skirts of the pond bordering on their premises, as in the Judgement of the Commer. shall be equitable & Just towards the Abutters, and shall not injure the adjacent Lots—

Voted, that in all cases where the Commee. shall be unanimously of opinion—they shall have liberty to make & conclude the bargains with the Abutters, but when a difference of opinion shall prevail in the Committees they shall report the case to the Board for their consideration—Voted that the Chairman Mr. Chapman & Mr. Foster be appointed on the above named Committee—

On application from the occupants of cellars under Faneuil Hall & of Holders of Stalls in the Market house, praying for a deduction from their rent, was considered & it was Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to make a deduction from the Rents of the Cellars of 25 p cent upon the sums for which they were leased, to be reckoned from the 1t. of June last, & to continue untill the expiration of the embargo—

Edward Gray Esq appeared & presented a claim of the Heirs of the late John Erving Esq for compensation for Land taken in the Year 1800 to widen Back Street which land was [**396.**] then appraised by a Commer. chosen by the Selectmen at 250 Dollars was valued by Appraisers chosen by Mr. George Erving at 650 Dollars—It was requested that the Board would allow the amount of the last appraisement with interest or consent to the nomination of a new Commee. to settle the sum to be paid—Mr. Gray having withdrawn the subject was considered, & the proceedings of that date being referred to it appeared that the appraisement on the part of the Selectmen was made by Judicious persons who

also appraised other property taken at the same time to widen the Street—It was agreed to pay to the Heirs of John Erving Esq. who have now obtained a legal right to said Estate the sum of 250 Dollars with interest from April 25—1808—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 30. 1808—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Chapman Foster, Webb—

Passed the monthly Accounts—

Mr. Porter made a representation that in consequence of the unsettled claim of the Proprietors of the Roxbury Canal to a piece of Marsh land on the Neck, and of the proceedings of the Agent of said Proprietors in taking off the Hay for several Years past—that the persons who hire said Marsh leased from the Town have not settled their accounts of rent, & consider themselves entitled to a deduction. It was agreed that Mr. Porter should call on the Lessees to close their accounts of arrears, & that he should make them such deductions of rent as he should Judge proper under the present circumstances of the land—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 7. 1808—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May Wright, Chapman, Foster,

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 7. 1808. Return was made by Mr. Adam Roop of the expence of new laying a Common Sewer in Bulfinch Street the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed, they being informed at the same time that all persons concerned in said Drain had been notified according to Law, & no objection having been made Assessment was made thereon, an order of payment was passed [**397.**] by the Selectmen & directed to be delivered to Mr. Roop as follows vizt.—

Whereas, a Drain or Common Sewer has been laid in Bulfinch Street conformably to the direction of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to three hundred & eight Dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose Drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby. Therefore we the subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston hereby Certify that having considered the same expence & by whom and in what manner it ought to be borne *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the Persons hereafter named—

Dr. William Spooner - - - -	1 share - -	28 Dollars
George Storer - - - - - -	1 - - - - -	28
Charles Bulfinch - - - - -	1 - - - - -	28
Estate of C. Southack - -	1 - - - - -	28

Jonathan Howard	1 share	28 Dollars
Thomas K. Jones	2	56
Capt. Matchet	1	28
John May Junr.	1	28
William Dehon	1	28
Andrew Richie Junr.	1	28

And we hereby authorise & empower Mr. Adam Roop to demand and receive the several sums above specified, and to give discharges therefor—

WILLIAM PORTER
EBENR. OLIVER
JOHN MAY
JONA. CHAPMAN
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
Major part of Selectmen of Boston

Several of the Abuttors on South Russell Street at West Boston appeared, and requested that a Gutter might be paved in that Street to prevent the great washing away of the Hill in heavy rains—The Chairman Mr. Chapman & Mr. Foster, a Committee to view all the Streets in that quarter & to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 14th. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Wright, Webb,

[**398.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 14. 1808

Return was made by Mr. Nicholas Peirce Junr. of the expence of laying a Common Sewer in Nassau Street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen, was by them allowed, they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said Drain had been notified according to law, and no objection having been made, ASSESSMENT was made thereon, an Order of payment was passed by the Selectmen to be delivered to Mr. Peirce as follows—

Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer has been laid in Nassau Street conformably to the direction of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to 245 Dollars & 70 Cents which expence is to be borne by such persons whose Drains enter therein & who receive benefit thereby—Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston hereby certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid Do ADJUDGE, that the same be paid in the proportion following, and by the persons hereafter named

John Q. Adams	3 shares	$92 ,, 13
James Thompson	2 ditto	61 ,, 42

Nicholas, Guardian to Children of Cabet	1 share		$30 ,, 71
Estate of Laroyd	1 share		30 ,, 71
John Douglass	1 ditto		30 ,, 71

And we hereby empower Mr. Nicholas Peirce Junr. above named to receive the sums set against their respective names, & to give discharges thereon—

THOMAS [CHARLES?] BULFINCH
EBENEZER OLIVER
FRANCIS WRIGHT
NATHAN WEBB—
JONA. CHAPMAN
} Selectmen

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 14. 1808

Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer in Middle Street from the house of Dr. Nathaniel Smith to the head of [**399.**] Procters lane, was cleansed & repaired in the Year 1803 the expence of which amounting to 150 Dollars, was Assessed by the Selectmen upon those who at that time appeared to be interested therein as p Record of Novr. 2d. 1803 will fully appear, & whereas Mr. Samuel Townsend has since conveyed a new Drain into the same Common Sewer: we the subscribers do hereby determine & adjudge that it is equitable & right that the said Samuel Townsend should pay one eighth part of the whole of said expence being eighteen Dollars & eight cents—and we hereby empower Mr. Jonathan Wild to demand & receive the same for the benefit of the Proprietors in said Common Sewer—

CHARLES BULFINCH
EBENR. OLIVER—
FRANCIS WRIGHT
NATHAN WEBB
JONA. CHAPMAN
} Selectmen

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 21. 1808
Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Chapman, Foster, Webb, Oliver,

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Boston Sepr. 21. 1808—

Return was made by Mr. John Odin of the expence attending the opening & new laying the Common Sewer in Hanover Street & the account thereof being duly examined by the Selectmen is by them allowed, they being informed at the same time that every person concerned in said Drain had been duly warned according to Law, and their objections to the same having been fully heard and considered *Assessment* was made thereon by the Selectmen, an order for payment was made out which is as follows—

Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer in Hanover Street has been laid conformably to the direction of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounting according to an Account made out & laid before the Selectmen & by them examined to 443 D. 37 Cents, & as such expence is to be borne by such Person or Persons whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & receive benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be Adjudged by the Selectmen of said Town or the major part of them who are empowered by law to apportion the same; [**400.**] the said Odin having agreeable to law notified all the concerned, before he had proceeded on the business and the Selectmen having heard & fully considered the objections that were made to his proceedings, and having notwithstanding directed the said work to be done—Therefore We the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston do hereby certify that we have considered the said Expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid do *Adjudge* that the same shall be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named—vizt—

D^{r}. Isaac Rand - - - -	2 Shares - -	$40 ,, 32
Andrew Colhoun - - -	1 d° - - -	20 ,, 16
M^{rs}. Catharine Codman - -	3 d° - - -	60 ,, 48
M^{r}. Learned - - - - -	1 share each	20 ,, 16
William Boardman - - -		
William Porter for Estate of William Blanchard		
Samuel Brown - - - -		
John Odin - - - - - - -	2 - - - - -	40 ,, 32
D^{r}. Thomas Danforth - -	1 share each	20 ,, 16
M^{rs}. Hixon - - - - - -		
Estate of Governor Sumner	3 - - - - -	60 ,, 48
Francis Amory - - - -	2 - - - - -	40 ,, 32
Samuel Nye - - - - - -	1 share each	20 ,, 16
D^{r}. James Lloyd - - - -		
Town of Boston - - - -		

And we hereby empower M^{r}. Adam Roop to demand and receive the above Sums, and to give discharges therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
W^{m}. PORTER
EBEN^{R}. OLIVER
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB—
} Selectmen

Jurors drawn for Court of Common Pleas and entered in Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 26. 1808. Present Mess: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Porter, May, Chapman, Webb,

[**401.**] Passed upon monthly Accounts—

Approved of the Indentures of Dublin a black Lad to Mr. Joseph Smith to expire November 14. 1811—

12 Jurors for Circuit Court were drawn & entered on the Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 28. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Chapman, Oliver, Webb, Foster—

Passed upon other monthly Accounts—

Application made by the occupiers of Shops on the east side of Market Square for liberty to place posts & chains to prevent the people from the Country encumbering the side walks—liberty is accordingly granted—

The Board proceeded to view the entrance of Elm Street from Hanover Street, lately desolated by fire; to determine whether it was expedient [to widen] the Streets—

Boston ss: At a special Meeting, present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Oliver Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman, May, Foster, Webb.—

This Meeting was specially notified to consider some proposals brought forward by the Comm^ee. of the Mill Pond chosen the 24th August last, that the Board should select & designate on the plan certain portions of the Pond, which should be considered as the Towns eighth part of particular divisions of the pond—After considering the proposals & viewing the relative positions of the parts pointed out by the Committee, the Board proceeded to affix names to the Streets proposed to be made in the pond, & directed them to be engrossed on the plan—and then selected certain portions for the Town as follow—

All the Land north of Pond street measuring 151.686 feet the Towns eighth part is 18700 feet which is now selected southerly on Pond street 125 feet & westerly 150 feet on Cooper Street—

On the south side of the pond—

The piece adjoining Mr. William Todd measures	1696	feet
below Tuckers Land - - - - - - - - - - - -	3440	
below Calls Land - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1022	
between Gouch & Pells Lanes - - - - - - -	19048	
the most westerly block - - - - - - - - - -	24420	
the next adjoining block - - - - - - - - - -	37400	
	87026	

[402.] The Towns proportion of the above 10878 feet, which is selected in the centre of the second block & running thro' to the shore 50 feet front in Merrimack Street & about 220 feet deep

From Pitt's Lane to Tidds land is - - - - - - 29798. feet
The Towns proportion is 3725 feet—selected in the centre of the block forty seven feet & eighty feet deep

From Tidds Lane to Cole Lane—now called *Portland Street* is 29903 feet—the Towns proportion is 3738 selected at the corner of Tidds Lane 50 by 80 feet—

A Triangular block containing - - - - - - -	4560
another by Friend Street - - - - - - - - - -	2580
block between Portland Street & Friend Street - -	32180
	39320 feet—

The Towns proportion is 4915 feet, selected on the large block 130 feet on Market Street & 36 feet deep—

Voted, that as the above selections for the Town was made by the Board to enable the Mill Pond Corporation to make contracts & sales of their proportion—
the Board will proceed to execute deeds of release for all such proportions whenever the land shall be filled according to the tenor of the Agreement made by the Towns Commissioners with the Mill Corporation

Provided that the Section of the pond on the north side be filled up in two Years from the [this] date & that the section above described in the south side together with Merrimac Street shall be filled up in three years—

And it is hereby fully understood, that the above dimensions having been ascertained by Osgood Carlton on the plan shall be further corrected by actual measurement when the Land shall be filled—and that the Board are not pledged or under obligation to do or execute any part of the above otherwise than as they are empowered by the contract between the Commissioners and the Mill Corporation

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 5. 1808
Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster, Webb

The Chairman reported that in consequence of Orders [**403.**] from the board after they had viewed the corner of Hanover Street & Elm Street on the 28 Septem^r. he had staked off a portion of the land to widen said Streets, being seven feet wide at the west end of Elm street, & four feet eight inches wide on the west side of M^r. Coopers, house now standing—also measuring two feet on the North corner of buildings leased on Hanover Street thence to proceed in a straight line to the Corner of M^r. Odins new Brick Store a plan of the same drawn by M^r. Carlton was produced

M^r^. Freeman Maybury one of the Heirs of Matthew Bayley, appeared in behalf of said Heirs & M^r^. Andrew Oliver in his own behalf to request that immediate measures might be taken to ascertain the amount of damages which they were entitled to receive from the Town. Upon their retiring the Board agreed upon the names of twelve Gentlemen to be offered to the Proprietors of the Land, out of which they should select *five* to act as Referrees.

M^r^. Maybury & M^r^. Oliver being called in, agreed to the proposal & selected from the list offered them, the following names, John Winslow, David Tilden, William Brown William Hammatt & Thomas Dennie Esquires—

The Chairman was desired to notify these Gentlemen and [of] the appointment, and to request their services—

M^r^. Wright was desired to procure a sufficient quantity of Powder & to have it made into Cartridges for the use of the Militia at the ensuing parades—

The Chairman to have 30. stands of the Towns Arms put in order & completely equipped, to be lent to each of the Inhabitants as are not able to supply themselves with Arms

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r^. 12. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Chapman, Foster, Webb—

On the application of the late Comm^ee^. of the Proprietors of the Common Sewer in Summer, Marlborough, Winter, & Newbury Street—Voted, that George Sullivan Esq be appointed Agent to Collect whatever moneys are now due or may be hereafter due from any Abutters on said Sewer, in order that the sums thus collected may be placed in the hands of William Doneson Esq [**404.**] And Deacon James Morrell, as a fund for any repairs of said Sewer, which in future may become necessary also Voted, That the said Agent be empowered to demand & receive of each & every person who has conveyed a Drain into said Common Sewer since the same was laid in 1803 or who shall in future convey any new drain therein, the same amount which was Assessed by the Selectmen on such Proprietor on the 22^d^ July 1804 being thirty two dollars 5 cents to each share—

The award of the Referrees chosen to determine the amount of damages for land taken to widen Hanover Street & Elm Street was opened & it appeared that they had allowed to the Heirs of Matthew Bayley five hundred & 14 Dollars and to M^r^. Andrew Oliver 128 dollars

The Committee chosen some time since to view Fish Street, to consider the expediency of widening the Street to the South of Mr. Gordons house through Land of George Blake Esq. & Mr. Prince Snow Junr. Reported that from the objections of the Proprietors to have any alteration made the present Season & from the consideration of the expence that would attend it—that it was not expedient to undertake it at present—the Chairman was then empowered to offer Mr. Gordon one dollar p square foot for the land taken from him to widen that Street—

An Account was presented by James Lloyd Junr. Esq for Gravel used in Broad Street & Sea Street amounting to 438 dollars 72 cents—Voted that the Treasurer be desired to pay or settle said account; in consequence of Mr. Lloyds being under the necessity of leaving town, & that the same account be entred in the next monthly draft—

Mr. Ladd appeared to request a certificate to enable him to import a Cargo of Flour—in consequence of a letter from his Correspondent in Allexandria by which it appeared that the Collector of the Port would not allow Flour to be shipped without a Certificate from the Selectmen—the object being considered [**405.**] a Certificate in the following form was signed by the Board

Messrs: J & I. Howe & William Ladd respectable Merchants of this Town wishing to import a full Cargo of Flour amounting to about 900 bbls: in their Schooner Elizabeth a regular trader We the Selectmen of Boston hereby Certify, that we consider the above mentioned quantity necessary & wanted for the use of this place

Mr. Doyle applied for liberty to perform a species of theatrical exhibition in the Building called the Museum in Tremont Street

Voted, that it was not expedient to grant the License requested

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 19. 1808 Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Chapman, Foster, Webb,

An application was received from the persons residing in Myrtle Street, West Boston, praying that the Street should be widened & continued further at the west end that the easterly end should be covered with Gravel—Agreed to have a sufficient quantity of gravel spread on the street to make it convenient for passing—but that it was not in the power of the Board to take any measures for widening the west end at present—

On an application for paving Love Lane—Agreed to pave the same, if the Abuttors would lay a foot walk on the north side 3

feet wide—The Town to pay for 9 feet wide of common paving the length of the Street—

Mr. Daniel Wild formerly an Auchtioneer, applies for renewal of his license, which is granted

Proposal was made from the Mill Corporation, that the Board would Join with them in a deed to Perkins Nichols of the land agreed to be exchanged with him for the part of Pond Street 15 feet wide in the east side which he is empowered by the General Court to deduct from that street—this procedure is to enable Mr. Nichols to take down the house owned by Mr. Whalen at the entrance of Pond street from Hanover Street—

After some debate it was agreed to postpone the subject to a special meeting on Friday next 12 O.' Clock—absent Members to be notified to attend—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Boston Octr. 19. 1808
[Names of Selectmen present omitted in original minutes.]

[**406.**] WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer has been laid some years since through Ridgways lane at West Boston under the direction & at the expence of Mr. Jona Loring Austin & Sylvanus Gray, the expence whereof by accounts exhibited amounted to 172 Dollars. And whereas sundry other persons have since conveyed their drains into the said Common Sewer—we the subscribers [a] major part of the Selectmen having considered the same expence & by whom it should be paid do Adjudge the same be paid by the following named persons & in the proportion affixed to their names—

Vizt.—		*dollars*
B Brigham or Tuckerman	1	13 ,, 23
Jonathan L. Austin	4 Shares	52 ,, 92
Joseph Blake Esqr.	1 share each	13 ,, 23
Revd. Mr. Tuckerman		
Benjamin Hood		
Mrs. Harris (Widow)		
Sylvanus Gray		
[John?] Jacobs		
Mr. Mackay		
Mrs. Irvin		

And we hereby empower Messrs: Jona. L. Austin and Sylvanus Gray to demand & receive the above sums & to give discharges therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER
EBENR. OLIVER
F. WRIGHT
JONA. CHAPMAN
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB—
} Selectmen

Boston ss: At a special Meeting Octo^{r}. 21. 1808—Present all the Members of the Board

This Meeting being called to consider & act upon conveying to Perkins Nichols the Towns proportion of land in the Mill Pond, agreed to be taken on the 22^{d}. June last for the Land deducted from Pond Street on the west side—This [**407.**] subject was fully considered & debated, and it was agreed by a majority of the Selectmen, six voting in favor & three against the proposal to give a deed of the Towns eighth part of said land upon M^{r}. Nichols giving the Town & Mill Corporation a deed of the strip 15 feet wide on the east side of Pond street & a deed of M^{r}. Whalens house to be taken down also a mortgage of the land now to be conveyed to secure the completing of Pond Street from Hanover Street to Charles River bridge free of expence to the Town—the Deed was accordingly executed—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Octo^{r}. 26. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May Wright Chapman Foster Webb—

Warrant signed for Town Meeting for choice of a Member of Congress for Suffolk District the 7^{t}. of Octo^{r}. Ins^{t}.

M^{r}. Park to have printing of Notifications for ensuing Town Meeting

M^{r}. Hunnewell a Comm^{ee}. to wait on Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Huntington to request him to open the ensuing Meeting with prayer—

M^{r}. George Noble & M^{r}. Henry White approved as Auctioneers—

M^{r}. Gordon appeared to agree upon Referees to determine the amount of damages on land taken from him to widen Fish Street —the following persons were chosen Referees—Viz^{t}—

John Winslow
Josiah Snelling
Redford Webster
Samuel Snelling
Samuel Swett—

The Chairman M^{r}. May & M^{r}. Webb a Comm^{ee}. to attend the Referees & complete the business—

Signed a Certificate for M^{r}. Francis Lincoln to enable him to import 2500 bushels of Corn & Rye and one hundred Barrels of Flour in his Schooner the Rising Sun—

[**408.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Oct^{r}. [31] 1808—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, Wright, May, Chapman,

Passed upon monthly Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 2^{d}. 1808—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, Wright, Webb, Foster

Passed upon other monthly Accounts—

Jurymen drawn for S. J. Court, and entred in the Jury Book.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 9th. 1808 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Chapman, Foster, Webb, Hunnewell,

M^{r}. Underwood an Inhabitant of the Town appeared to make apology for having put 3 votes into the Box at the late Town Meeting for choice of Members of Congress—his statement was heard and fully considered—and it was determined by the Board that it was their duty to have the subject fully investigated by proper authority—and voted that the Chairman make complaint to the Solicitor General against M^{r}. Joseph Underwood for putting three votes into the box on the 7th. Ins^{t}. in violation of the law for regulating Elections—

The Gentlemen Fire-wards having represented that Engine N°. 6. is much out of repair & unfit for Town service

Voted, that a new engine which has been approved by the Fire-wards be purchased of M^{r}. Thayer if he will allow 100 D for the old Engine [the company to] be notified to take the new Engine N°. 6. under their care—

The Chairman was desired to apply to our Representatives, to use their endeavours in the present Session of the General Court, to have the Engine men of this Town excused from Jury duty—Also to procure a law to be passed empowering the Selectmen to regulate Teams & Carriages of all kinds from the Country, while standing or passing thro'. the Streets of this Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 16. 1808—Present Mess: Bulfinch Oliver, May, Wright, Webb,

Jurors chosen for the Circuit Court & entered in Jury Books

[**409.**] Roston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Nov^{r}. [23rd.] Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Chapman, Oliver, Webb, Wright,—

One Juror chosen for Circuit Court to supply a vacancy & entered in Jury Books

Mr. William Gridley Junr. approved as a Book Auctioneer.

Mr. William Minot presented a statement relative to his application for license for a Livery Stable on his land near Dorsets Alley—the same was read & considered, but it being represented that several of the Neighbours had objections to offer—the subject was referred for further consideration—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 28. 1808 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Chapman, Foster,

Passed upon Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 30. 1808—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman, Foster,

The Proprietors of Houses & Land adjoining to Dorsets Alley appeared to state their objections to the granting a license for the Livery Stable as requested by Mr. Minot—their objections were heard & Mr. Minots answer thereto—but no decision was had on the subject—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 7. 1808—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Chapman, Foster, Webb,

A Commee. from the Brattle Street Society remonstrating against a license being granted for a Livery Stable near Dorsets Alley the subject was resumed & Voted unanimously not to grant a license as requested by Mr. Minot from the consideration of the increase of danger from fire & of the inconveniences that would result to the Neighbourhood & to the Public—

Approved a number of Applicants for License to retail Spirits—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 14. 1808—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Chapman, Wright, Webb, Foster

A Return was made by Mr. Samuel French of the Expence of [**410.**] laying a Common Sewer in Buttolph Street West Boston which including the work done in the Year 1803 amounted to Four hundred & sixty nine Dollars & 67 Cents Bills to that amount having been exhibited & examined it was determined that ten p cent be added to the amount of the costs to com-

pensate the original Undertakers for their trouble & that the whole Sum amounting to five hundred & Twenty Dollars be Assessed upon the following Persons, & in the proportions as annexed to their names—

			D
Thomas Kendall - -	1 Share		
Moses Gardner - - -	1 D°		
Thomas Tilden - - -	1 D°		
George Leighton - -	1 D°		
Benj^a. Bayley - - -	1 D°		
Titus Thayer - - -	1 D°		
Reuben Carver [Carr?]	1 D°		
John Johnson - - -	1 D°		
—— Sullivan - - -	1 D°	1 share each	16 ,, 77
James Allen - - - -	1 D°		
Joseph Saunders - -	1 D°		
[Richard] Duff[ey] -	1 D°		
Cliff Hatch - - - -	1 D°		
Jonas Twist - - - -	1 D°		
Samuel French - - -	1 D°		
Joseph Sawtell - - -	1 D°		
James Flaven - - -	1 D°		
Samuel Swett - - -	4 D° - - - - - - -		67 ,, 8
Edward Stevens - -	1 D°		
Cushing & Jacobs - -	1 D°	1 share each	16 ,, 77
Sweet & Fletcher - -	1 D°		
—— Davidson - - -	1 D° - - - - - - -		16 ,, 77

The following persons reside or have their drains from Pinckney Street whence they enter into Buttolph Street

Ebenezer Farley - - - - - -	1 Drain - - -	16 ,, 77
Joseph Homer - - - - - -	1 D° - - - -	16 ,, 77
—— Jarvis - - - - - - -	1 D° - - - -	16 ,, 77
[Ichabod] Frost - - - - - -	1 D° - - - -	16 ,, 77
Abna Bates - - - - - - -	1 D° - - - -	16 ,, 77
—— Lincoln - - - - - - -	1 D° - - - -	16 ,, 77

And we hereby empower the aforesaid Samuel French [**411.**] to demand and receive the above Sums & to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER
EBEN^R. OLIVER
JON^A. HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY
FRANCIS WRIGHT
JON^A. CHAPMAN
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
} Selectmen of Boston

In pursuance of the request of the Committee of the Honble. Council, communicated to the Board by the Chairman

Ordered, that all the Bells of the various places of public worship in this Town be tolled on Friday next at the funeral of his late Excellency James Sullivan Esq, & that the Constables attend under the orders of the Marshall appointed by the Supreme executive—

Voted, that the Board will attend the Funeral of the late Chief Magistrate—

Jurors drawn to serve at the Court of Common Pleas in January next—the same are entred in the Jury Books—

The Chairman & M^r^. Hunnewell a Committee to employ two suitable persons to patrole the town occasionally in addition to the regular Watch & to give them directions for the performance of their duty—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 21. 1808—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell Wright, Chapman, Foster, Oliver,

At the request of a number of Inhabitants of the Northerly part of Pleasant Street. It is agreed to have two cross walks laid of flat Stones, one at the entrance of Eliot Street & one in such situation as will be most convenient to the Inhabitants—

M^r^. Whitcomb having built a Stable in Belknaps Alley, the Chairman was desired to inform him that the Doors opening [412.] Upon the Alley would be considered as an incumbrance or obstruction to the highway & would not be allowed—

M^r^. Charles Lerow made application for a licence as Auctioneer & produced special recommendations in his favor Agreed to grant a license—the Town Clerk is directed to give him a Certificate—

The Committee to whom was intrusted the employing of two persons as a private Watch Reported that they had engaged two trusty persons & produced a return of their proceedings the first night which was read & approved of & the Comm^ee^. requested to continue their directions for walking on such nights as the Comm^ee^. should think best

Two Copies of a letter to W^m^. Stackpole Esq was signed by the Members of the Board who were present in answer to the proposals of the Assignees of Lane Frazier & Boyston relative to compounding a debt of M^r^. Tyson in the West Indies—the Copy of which is on the file of mixed papers—

A Petition of the General Court & order of notice thereon from the Methodist Society was read—

Mr. Wright was desired to confer with Mr. Richie the Lessee of the Town house respecting delinquency of Rent & to Report—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen Decemr. 28. 1808—Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter Oliver Hunnewell Wright May Chapman Foster

Passed upon Accounts—

In consequence of a precept received from the Honble. Thomas Dawes Junr. Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk—Inquisition was made into the circumstances of Joseph N. Bradford and return was made that he was non compos and unable to take care of himself, & recommending that a Guardian should be appointed for him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 4. 1808 [9?] Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Chapman, Foster, Webb,

On the application of a number of Gentlemen occupying [**413.**] Houses & Shops in Cornhill; the following persons were appointed as an additional watch for Cornhill & the Streets adjoined at the expence of the applicants—Vizt.—

Elias Howard
William Carpenter
Israel Morey—
Caleb Morey—And the

Chairman was desired to give them a Certificate of their appointment & to direct the established Watch to give them aid & support—

Messrs: Leverett having prosecuted a Suit against the Town for part of the Land on which the Almshouse stands, and the same being referred to the Opinion of the whole Court in March next—The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright were chosen a Committee to confer with the Counsel employed by the Board in this Suit, to obtain their opinion what further measures would be most advisable to be pursued—and to Report

Agreed to attend the Funeral of Honble. Thomas Dawes Esq to morrow—he having served the Town faithfully in a number of Important Offices—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 11. 1809—Present Mess: Bulfinch Hunnewell, Wright, Webb, Oliver, Chapman,

Mr. Isaac Rand the 3d. appeared to state to the Board that Mr. Richie had assigned to him the Lease of the old State house, & offered some proposals to the Selectmen to reenter & discharge him from the Indenture—the subject was generally discussed in his presence—and after he had withdrawn, the Chairman & Mr. Wright were desired to apply unto Mr. Thatcher for his opinion of the powers of the Board under the Indenture & report what would be expedient in the present situation of affairs—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 18. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright Foster, Webb,

Mr. Foster was requested to wait on David Tilden Esq & to receive from him the notes, mortgages & other papers relative to Mr. Brookers Donation to the Selectmen for the benefit of poor Widows & sick Persons also any sums of money which he may have collected on that account also to receive any notes in his hands for money bequeathed to the Town of Boston by Mr. Godfried Kreugher—

[**414.**] Mr. Foster was also appointed to take charge of the above funds, and to Collect the Interest for distribution as soon as may be—

The Committee appointed relative to the Town house Reported, that it was not expedient to reenter into the Building at present, and to refer the subject to the Town at the March Meeting—and that they had obtained orders from Dr. Rand on Each of the Tenants to pay their Rents to the Town Treasurer—

Boston January 18. 1809—Return was made by Mr. Samuel Williams of the expence attending the opening & cleansing a Common Sewer in Jarvis Row, leading from Newbury Street, the account whereof was duly examined by the Selectmen, & is by them allowed; they being informed by them at the same time that every person concerned in said Drain had been duly warned according to law; and their objections to the same having been considered Assessment was made thereon by the Selectmen; an Order for payment was made out, which is as follows—vizt.—

Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer in Jarvis Street so called has been opened & cleansed conformably to the direction of the Selectmen, the whole Expence whereof amounts to thirty eight Dollars $\frac{60}{100}$ Cents and as such expence is to be borne by such person or person whose Drains enter into said Common Sewer & recieve benefit thereby, in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Selectmen of the said Town or the major part of them, who are empowered by law to apportion the same

Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of

Boston do hereby Certifie that we have considered the said expence & by whom & in what proportion it ought to be paid *do adjudge* that the same shall be paid in the proportion following and by the Persons hereafter named—Viz^{t}.—

[415.]	Messrs: Taylor & Wilson	1 Share - -	2	
	M^{rs}. John Jarvis - - -	2 Shares - -	4	
	[Samuel] Crease - - -	1 - - - - -	2	
	[Elisha] Woods - - -	1 - - - - -	2	
	—— Rea - - - -	2 - - - - -	4	
	J. Cavanaugh -	1 Share - -	20	,, 60
	M^{rs} - - Andrews - -	1 - - - - -	2	——
	Danl— Penniman - -	1 - - - - -	2	
			——	
			$38	,, 60—

And we hereby authorize & appoint M^{r}. Samuel Williams to demand and receive the above Sums and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER
JON^{A}. HUNNEWELL
FRANCIS WRIGHT
JON^{A}. CHAPMAN
NATHAN WEBB
EBEN^{R}. OLIVER
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 20th—1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Chapman, Foster, Webb, Wright, Oliver,

Upon the application of a number of the Inhabitants that a Town Meeting should be speedily called to consider the present situation of our public affairs—A Warrant for a Town Meeting was issued by the Selectmen to meet at Faneuil Hall the 23. Ins^{t}. 10. o'. Clock A : M :

M^{r}. Chapman & M^{r}. Webb a Comm^{ee}. to wait on D^{r}. Lothrop & to request him to open the Meeting with prayer

Messrs: Young & Minns to print the Notifications—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 25. 1809— Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Chapman, Foster, Webb Porter,

Approved the Indentures of Thomas Monk, a Minor, to William Snath, Cordwainer, to continue in force untill October 8. 1813—

Copy of Petition to General Court which was adopted by the Town at the last Meeting was examined & Certified by the Town Clerk and the Chairman was desired to hand it to the Senators for the County of Suffolk—

[416.] Agreed to employ Mr. Prescott in addition to Mr. Morton & Mr. Dexter, to prosecute the Suit of the Town against Ward Nicholas Boylston Esq.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 1. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, Foster Oliver, Hunnewell, Chapman,

Passed upon the monthly Accounts—

Copy of a Petition to the Legislature from a number of Gentlemen, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of building and regulating a new Market at the South part of the Town, was read and an order of notice thereon—the same was considered, and Voted that the Board had no objection on the part of the Town to the purpose of the Petition—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 8. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Chapman,—

Mr. Benjamin Wheeler made proposals to have a part of Deer Island to establish Salt works thereon—the Chairman was desired to confer with Mr. Wheeler relative to the part of the Land which he would want—and on the terms of Lease—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 22d. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Porter, May, Wright, Foster, Webb—

Grand & Traverse Jurors were drawn for the next term of Supreme Judicial Court & entred in the Jury Books

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 27t. 1809 —Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Foster, Porter, Wright, Oliver, Webb,

Passed the Monthly Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1. 1809— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Foster, Oliver, Wright, Webb,

Passed on other Accounts—

Warrant for Town Meeting issued to be held on Monday the 13 Inst. 10. o Clock A: M:

The Chairman to invite Revd. Mr. Cary to open Meeting with prayer—

Mr. Park to have the printing of the Notifications for this Meeting

[**417.**] Lists of Persons qualified to Vote for Governor &c. were handed in by the Assessors—After some consideration, it was agreed to hand the lists to a Committee in each Ward to be corrected previous to their being printed—and the names of Gentlemen were selected for this purpose in each Ward—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 8t. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Chapman, Webb,

The Bond of the Town Treasurer which had been executed in Sepr. last, was examined & approved by the Board & delivered to the Town Clerk to be Recorded—

It is agreed that an addition shall be made to the Barn on Deer Island 30 feet in length—Mr. Tukesbury to employ Workmen for that purpose and the Board to allow One hundred & fifty dollars for the expence of it—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 15. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster, Webb, Hunnewell, Weld,

This being the first Meeting of the Selectmen since the Town Meeting on the 13th. Inst. Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May Wright, Webb, & Weld, were sworn according to law before Mr. Justice Stevenson—

The Gentlemen then proceeded to choose a Chairman and the Votes by Ballot being taken, Charles Bulfinch Esq was declared to be chosen—

The Chairman informed the Board that the lists of qualified Voters furnished by the Assessors, had been corrected by Committees in the several Wards—and were now in the hands of the Printers—

Voted, that an Advertizement be inserted in the papers to notify the Inhabitants that they would be ready for inspection on Monday the 20t.—

The Chairman & Mr. Wright a Commee. to consult the Towns Attorney respecting the mode of making a re-entry upon the Old State house in consequence of the breach of covenant of the Lessee & to proceed to execute the business—

The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright a Committee to [**418.**] attend to the suit brought against the Town by the

Heirs of Leverett to part of the Land on which the Alms house stands—and to request the opinion of the Overseers upon the expediency of laking down part of the Building—

M^{r}. Minchin was approved as an Auctioneer

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 22^{d}. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Foster, Webb, Weld,—

M^{r}. Wright, M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Weld a Comm^{ee}. on the application of M^{r}. Frothingham to hire part of the Towns Lands near the Hay Market—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting for the choice of Governor Lie^{t}. Governor & 5 Senators—

M^{r}. Park to print Notifications, for the ensuing Town Meeting—

M^{r}. Holley to open the Meeting with prayer—& M^{r}. Porter to acquaint him therewith—

Agreed upon the request of Arnold Welles & Stephen Codman Esq^{rs}. in behalf of a number of Gentlemen, that they may make use of Faneuil Hall on Sunday Evening previous to the Election

The Chairman M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Wright to confer with the Committee of the Overseers & the Towns Counsel respecting measures to be taken relative to the suit of Messrs: Leverett for Land at the Alms house

M^{r}. Samuel Parker approved as an Auctioneer for this Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 27. 1809—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb, Weld

Passed upon Monthly Accounts—

28 Jurors drawn for Court of Common Pleas, and entered in the Jury Books—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29th. 1809—Present Messrs: Bulfinch *Porter* Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb, Weld—

Passed upon other Accounts

[**419.**] The Board was occupied in arrangements for the April Elections and ordered a railing to be placed in the lower entry, to prevent the pressure of persons distributing votes—

Notifications were directed to be issued for the Meeting of the several Wards on the first Wednesday of April for the choice of Assistant Assessors—

A Committee of the Justices of the Court of Sessions appear'd to request the Board to take into consideration the most eligible situation for a new Court house

The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright were chosen a Committee for the above purpose—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 12. 1809—Present Mess Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell Wright Webb & Weld—

Eight Jurors were drawn to supply vacancies in the list for the Court of Common pleas—and entered on the Jury Books—

Plans of the Land belonging to the County near the Jail and also of the other land & buildings extending to School Street, were laid before the Board by the Committee chosen at the last Meeting who reported two places for the proposed Court house—these plans were examined & compared, and the papers were delivered to Mr. Hunnewell, and he was requested to confer with Mr. Lowell on the subject of procuring part of his Land—

The Committee of the second Baptist Church exhibited a plan of land on the Mill Pond adjoining their Buildings & proposed to give a Passage Way from Back Street to Margin Street 12 ft wide at one & 7 feet at the other in exchange for a Gore of Land in addition to what was contracted to be given them by the Mill Corporation, and confirmed to them by the Town

Agreed to refer the plan & application to the Mill Corporation—

On the complaint of Mrs. Bayley Wife of Benjamin Bayley. Baker; Representation to the Judge of Probate was drawn up and signed, informing the Judge that said Benjamin Bayley was wasting his estate and recommending that a Guardian be appointed for him—

A plan was laid before the Board of a new Meeting house proposed to be built on the Granary lot near the Common—the [**420.**] Proprietors wished for liberty to advance one angle of the porch into Common Street—

The Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Weld were desired to confer with the Proprietors Committee, and were instructed to prevent

any part of the Building from projecting into the Street—and to inform the Proprietors that not more than three steps would be allowed to come beyond the Line—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Foster, Webb, Weld,

Mess: Porter, Hunnewell, & Foster, to view S°. Bennet Street, to determine what quantity of Gravel if any should be carried there and at what price—

The following arrangement of Committees was adopted for the ensuing Year

Mr. May—the Easterly north division of Streets
Mr. Webb—the Westerly North division of Streets—
Mr. Weld, Wards, N°. 4 & 5—
Mr. Bulfinch Wards N°. 6 & 7—
Mr. Hunnewell Wards N°. 8—
Mr. Wright Ward - - N°. 9—
Mr. Foster Ward - - N°. 10—
Mr. Oliver Ward - - - N°. 11—
Mr. Porter Ward - - - N°. 12—

Messrs: Bulfinch Porter & Hunnewell for the Neck—

Messrs: Oliver Foster & Weld for the care of the Common

Messrs: Bulfinch Foster & Weld to direct the filling of the Mill Pond—

A Communication was received from the Assistant Assessors requesting the Board to appoint two persons in each Ward to aid them in taking a list of rateable Polls—

Upon consideration it was determined that the Selectmen could not appoint any person for this duty—and the Chairman was desired to consult Mr. Thatcher & to communicate to Assessors his opinion of the best mode of proceeding—

Mr. John W. Blanchard, approved as an Auctioneer

[**421.**] Approved the Indentures of Perry M: Peckham, Minor to Peter Long Housewright to be in force untill the 14th Day of August 1810—

Approved the Indentures of John Taylor a Minor to James Vassal Hair Dresser to be in force untill the 16t. of March 1812—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24. 1809—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster, Weld, Webb,

Passed upon monthly Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 26. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Wright, Hunnewell, May, Webb, Foster, Weld,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston April 26. 1809. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Return was made by Mr. Adam Roup of the expence of repairing the Common Sewer leading from Brattle Street to Elm Street, the amount whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen, was by them allowed, they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to law, and such objections as had been offered having been considered—*Assessment* was made thereon; an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen and directed to be delivered to Mr. Roup as follows—vizt.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer has been laid in Brattle Street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to one hundred & thirty nine dollars which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein and receive benefit thereby. Therefore we the subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston hereby certify that having considered the same expence and by whom and in what manner it ought to be borne Do ADJUDGE that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the Persons hereafter named—

[422.]	Mrs. Lincoln - - - - - -	1 share each	7 ,, 78
	William Doll - - - - - -		
	Edward Gray - - - - - -		
	Mrs. Turrell - - - - - - -	3 Shares -	23 ,, 34
	Beza Tucker - - - - - - -	1 - - -	7 ,, 78
	Joshua Blanchard - - - - - -	2 - - -	15 ,, 56
	Tilly Whitcomb - - - -	1 share each	7 ,, 78
	Samuel Billings - - - -		
	Thomas Jackson - - - -		
	Jeremiah S. Bois - - - -		
	Caleb Bingham - - - -		
	Nathl. Johnson (Vila) - -		
	Samuel Gore - - - - - -		
	Robert Gardner Esq Gn to Mrs. Delarne		
	Deacon Moses Grant for Brattle Street Church		
		18 Shares	

And we hereby appoint Mr. Adam Roup to demand and receive the above Sums, and to give discharges therefor—

Charles Bulfinch
Jona. Hunnewell
John May—
Fra. Wright
Joseph Foster
Nathan Webb
Benjamin Weld
} Selectmen

An application was received from Mr. Tilley Whitcomb for a license for a Livery Stable in Dorsetts Alley—the same considered, but not allowed—

Mr. Hunnewell & Weld a Committee to view the Cellar now building at the Corner of Milk & Oliver Street—said to project, improperly into Oliver Street—the same Committee with Mr. Wright in addition to regulate the Street on the top of Fort hill & lay out the first walks to the Houses lately built there—also to view the [**423.**] Passage way between Rowes and Fosters Wharves, applied for by Mr. Charles Foster—

The Chairman Reported that the Town Treasurer had demanded in the presence of Witnesses the Arrears of Rent due from Dr. Isaac Rand Junr. for the Old State House—and that he had not paid the same—whereupon Voted that the Board would proceed to morrow at 11. o'. Clock to take possession of the Building pursuant to the terms of the Lease and the vote of the Town passed at the March Meeting—

Mr. Timothy Green was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures for the North District and—

Mr. Richard Austin for the South District—the Districts to be divided as formerly determined by the Board

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27. 1809—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb, Weld—

The Board met according to appointment & proceeded to notify such of the Tenants of the Town House in State Street; that Dr. Isaac Rand Junr. having neglected to pay the Arrears of Rent, demanded from him by the Treasurer; that the Town now took possession of the Building and each Tenant was notified to pay his rent in future to the Town Treasurer

On information that the Buildings now commenced by Mr. Salisbury at the Corner of Milk Street projected into Oliver

Street, so as to disfigure the appearance of the Street—the Selectmen visited the spot—and after viewing it, and drawing the Lines, determined that it was necessary to remove the S°. East Corner of the Cellar wall one foot—the Chairman was desired to inform Mr. Salisbury of the opinion & determination of the Board, and as the wall did not project over the land formerly occupied by the House lately taken down, that the expence of moving the Wall should be paid by the Town—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3d. 1809.—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb, Weld,

[**424.**] The Committee chosen at the last Meeting to view Fort Hill & the Streets adjacent—Reported, that when the Street on the Hill could be cleared from the Building Materials now laying there—a quantity of earth might be carried away to level & regulate the Street—that the passage way leading from the Hill into Purchase Street by Pollys Distill-house ought to be widened as much as could be conveniently done—that the passage way between Row[e]s & Fosters Wharfs, be kept open & free from incumbrances—and that the steps be directed to be removed which Mr. Foster had liberty to build in the upper part of the same passage way—The above Report was accepted and ordered to be carried into effect

The Chairman Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Foster a Committee to view the Town house & consider what alterations & repairs are necessary—

A Petition was read from a number of persons at the westerly part of the Town praying that measures may be taken to prevent the payment of toll in future on that part of West Boston Bridge between Cambridge Street & Charles Street—the same was committed to Mr. Oliver Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Weld.

It being represented that the workmen were advancing the foundation of part of the new Meeting house by the Mall into the Street—it was determined to proceed to view the same and forbid incroachments—

An oath of office was administered by the Town Clerk to the Surveyors of the High Ways—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 10. 1809—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright Foster, Webb,

Warrant issued for Town Meetings May 17th. & 18th. for choice of Representatives & the other business of a May Meeting—

Mr. Webb to request Revd. Dr. Eliot to open the Meeting with prayer

Mr. Park to have the printing of the Notifications

[425.] Mr. Chairman was desired to notify the Assessors to furnish the number or ratable polls in the Town, on Saturday next at Noon—

A Certificate was signed by the Judge of Probate of the County of Suffolk, stating that Richard S. Hill an Inhabitant of this Town, was an Idle disorderly person & requesting that a Guardian should be appointed for him—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 24t. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, Webb, Weld, Oliver,

Chairman & Mr. Webb a Committee to view a House in Fish Street owned by Messrs: Watter & Smith—to consider what would be the expence of widening the Street in that place—

Several Petitions read from different quarters of the Town requesting the attention of the Board to paving & repairing Streets—It was determined to have Pleasant Street—Chambers Street,—& Leverett Street as far as Mr. Dunlops—part of High Street—a Gutter on each side of Belknap Street from Myrtle Street southerly—the same in South Russell Street—and to repair the following old Streets— —Winter Street, Water Street, west end—Tremont Street— northerly end, and Middle Street, from Cross Street to Proctors Lane

The Chairman was desired to advertise for applications for Constables to be handed in on the 7th. June

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29th. 1809— Present Mess: Bulfinch Porter, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Weld, Webb, Oliver, Wright,

Passed on the Monthly Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 7. 1809 Present Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Foster, May.

A number of Applications for Licenses as Inholders and Retailers—were laid before the Selectmen & approved

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 14t. 1809— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, May, Webb, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Hunnewell,

Jurors appointed by drawing for the Courts of Common Pleas, also for the District Court—which are entered & posted in Jury Books—

[426.] Votes taken for a Superintendent of Police, and Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be chosen—

Voted, to appoint one Assistant Police Officer for the term of three months to be paid at the rate of 400 Dollars p Annum—the Votes being taken, Mr. Jeremiah Bridge was chosen

On the application of Mr. Tuck & Mr. Hastings, the Commee. formerly raised to view the Street on Fort Hill, was desired to take measures to dig away & regulate said Street—Mr. Weld of that Commee. being absent from Town; Mr. Wright is added in his stead—

Communication was received from Perkins Nichols stating that he had compleated Pond Street agreeably to his contract—and praying to be discharged from his Contract or obligation, on that account—

The Chairman Mr. Foster & Mr. Webb, were desired to view the Street & Report—

The following named Persons were chosen Constables for the Year ensuing—

		SURETIES.	
Thomas Stevenson (sworn)		Dudley Walker	Thomas Stevenson Junr
Amos Lewis	do.	Joshua Ellis	Thomas Lewis
Moses Thayer		Samuel Sanger	John Minchin
Solomon Twist	do.	Moses Gardner	Jonas Twist
James Sumner, Jr	do.	Thomas W. Sumner	James Ridgway
James Perkins	do.	Timothy Green	James Williams
Samuel White	do.	Abraham Babcock	John Badger
Elisha Copeland	do.	John Perry	Jas. Gibson
Levi Joy	do.	Ezekiel Brown	Jos. Bennett
Benja. B. Leeds	do.	Jere. Gore Junr	Sam: H. Babcock
William Brooks	do.	Timothy Fuller	John Amory
Josiah Holbrook		Edwd. Staples	Jno. Merry
[dead] John Deverell		Joseph Balson	William Whall
Henry Lane	do.	Caleb Whiting	Josiah Danforth
William Symmes	do.	Benja. Russell	Shubael Bell

see July 5t.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 21. 1809—Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Hunnewell, Wright, Webb,

Mess: Capen & Drake to furnish Wood for Schools—

[427.] The choice of an additional number of Constables postponed for the present—

Communication from the Judge of the Municipal Court requesting measures might be taken for the choice of a Town Ad-

vocate to transact the business of the Court, referred to Monday next

Messrs: Samuel Whitwell Junr. & George Bond being recommended for license as Auctioneers in the Office lately kept by Col^{o}. Bradford—they were approved & directed to be licensed—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26. 1809—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Wright, Webb,

Passed upon monthly Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Foster, May, Wright,

A Card was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth informing the Board that the Supreme Executive had made choice of the Old South Meeting House for religious services on the 4^{t}. of July next—information was also given by the Secretary that it was the wish of his Excellency the Governor that the celebration of the Anniversary of Independence should be in the manner formerly observed, and which had been deviated from for 2 Years past—The Chairman & M^{r}. Wright were chosen a Committee to wait on his Excellency to request the Company of the Supreme Executive at the Oration to be delivered according to the institution of the Town, immediately after the religious services of the Chaplains of the General Court—

Ordered, that the Sextons be notified to ring the Bells of all the places of public worship in the Town on the Morning of the 4th. of July, for one hour, to commence at 6. o'. Clock—

A letter was received from M^{r}. Channing Counsel to Mr Leverett, in which he proposes that the Selectmen should propose terms of compromise for the Land claimed by the Heirs of Leverett on which part of the Almshouse stands—it was agreed to assign the consideration of this subject to Wednesday next, & to request the Comm^{ee}. of the Overseers to be present for their advice—

On an application from a number of Gentlemen, the Chairman was desired to insert a notification in the public papers [**428.**] to forbid persons who sell Fish in the Streets from blowing Horns or Trumpets to the disturbance of the Inhabitants—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 5. 1809—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, Webb,

Representation was made that Mr. William Boylston, Founder, was an idle & intemperate person, and in danger of wasting his property & becoming a Town charge—Mr. Davis, Founder, & Mess: Seymore & Richardson appeared & certified to the above statement, a certificate of the same was signed, addressed to the Judge of Probate, requesting him to take the legal measures to appoint a Guardian to him—

The Overtures for an accommodation with the heirs of Leveret for their claim of Almshouse land, were read & fully considered, & Voted that the sum of 3000 dollars be offered to the heirs of Leveret to be paid them in a note from the Town Treasurer payable in ninety days, with interest after, upon their giving a deed of the land claimed by them, defending the town from all claims & demands of each & every of the heirs of Knight Leveret Sarah Leveret & Mary Fennimon—

The Chairman Mr. Oliver & Mr. Webb a Committee to consider & propose regulations for Carriages in the Streets, agreeably to the powers granted to the Board by the late law

Mr. William Tupper was chosen a Constable for the ensuing year—the Sureties John Howe—John Gibson—he has been sworn—
see Septem^r. 6—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12t. 1809—
Present Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, Porter, Webb—

No business transacted, which was matter of Record for this Meeting—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. 1809—
Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Wild, Oliver, May, Wright, Webb,

Warrant for Town Meeeting for choice of Town Officers &c.

Mr. Park to print Notifications—

Mr. Samuel Singleton recommended for an Inspector of Pumps, —but not acted upon—

[**429.**] Various requests for paving received, considered, but not acted upon—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31. 1809
Present Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Weld Webb

Passed upon monthly Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 2d. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, May, Hunnewell, Foster—

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 9t. 1809— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, May, Webb, Weld,

Examined & passed upon the List of Inholders & Retailers of the past Year.

At the request of Mr. Samuel Gore, ordered that a Post be set about the middle of the Alley called Belknaps Alley, to prevent Carriages from attempting to pass through—

Chairman & Mr. Weld, Committee to view Russell Street to consider in what manner the water shall be conveyed away from that Street—

Proposals were received from Mr. Leveretts, offering to receive ten thousand Dollars for their claims upon the Almshouse Land— The Chairman Mr. Wright & Mr. Weld were desired to consult Counsel once more relative to this subject & Report—

Agreed to pave Eliot Street from Pleasant Street pavement to join the pavement in Nassau Street—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 6. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, May, Wright, Weld—

Boston August 16. 1809. At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Return was made by Mr. Josiah Rainsford of the Expence of repairing the Common Sewer in Ann Street; the Account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen, was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain, had been notified according to law, and no objection having been made ASSESSMENT was made thereon, an Order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows—Vizt—

[**430.**] WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer has been repaired in Ann Street, conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to thirty seven Dollars 13 Cents, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose Drains enter therein, and receive benefit thereby; Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston, hereby Certify that having considered the same expence, and by

whom in what manner it ought to be borne Do ADJUDGE that the same be paid in the proportion following, and by the persons hereafter named—Viz^{t}.—

Estate of John Codman Esq - - - - -	2 Shares - -	88 ,, 32
M^{r}. Hall - - - - - - - - - -	1 share each	1 ,, 16
M^{r}. Swift - - - - - - - - - -		
M^{r}. White - - - - - - - - - -		
M^{r}. Josiah C. Rainsford - - - -		
D^{r}. Redford Webster - - - - - - -	3 - - - - -	12 ,, 48

And we hereby authorize M^{r}. Josiah C. Rainsford, to demand and receive the same, and to give discharges therefor

CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER
JOHN MAY
FRANCIS WRIGHT
BENJAMIN WELD— } Selectmen.

On the application of a number of Gentlemen ordered that a Post be set in the Alley leading from Cornhill to Brattle Square to prevent the passing of Horses therein—

Return was made by the Comm^{rs}. for viewing North Street, of the readiness of the Abutters to complete the side walks; agreed that the Street should be paved immediately

Approved & signed the Indentures of Edward Mider a Minor to Clark Emmes Cordwainer to continue in force untill the 7 day of May 1813.

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 23^{d}. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver Hunnewell, Foster, Webb

[**431.**] At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 22^{d}. (23rd?] 1809

WHEREAS M^{r}. Chandler Wright and others have had liberty to lay a Common Sewer in part of Leveret Street, and have made return of the expence of the same; the Accounts thereof were now laid before the Selectmen, and being by them examined, are allowed and an Order of payment is directed as follows. Viz^{t}—

WHEREAS M^{r}. Chandler Wright & others have laid a Common Sewer in Leverett Street the Expences whereof amounts to Two hundred & thirty four Dollars, and which is to be paid by the Persons whose Drains enter therein, and who receive benefit thereby—Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston, having considered the same expence, and by whom

and in what manner it ought to be borne—DO ADJUDGE that the same be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named. Viz^{t}.—

		Dollars	Cts
Chandler Wright - - - -	1 share each	29 ,,	25
Messrs. Wiggin - - - -			
M^{r}. Rogers - - - -			
Capt. Jackson - - - -			
M^{r}. William Horton - -			
Capt. Thomas - -			
M^{r}. Lovell - - -			
M^{r}. Jonathan Hastings - -			
[Total]	8 [shares]	$234—	

And we hereby Authorise and empower M^{r}. Adam Roup to demand and receive the above sums, and to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
EBEN^{R}. OLIVER—
JON^{A}. HUNNEWELL
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB—
Selectmen—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 28. 1809—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Weld—

Passed upon monthly Accounts

[432.] Agreed upon regulations for stands of Hackney Carriages & Hay Carts, ordered that they should be provided with the new Law, and a Copy preserved on file—

Agreed that such parts of Congress Street & Federal Street as required it, should be repaired—

The Rooms in the Town House being now ready for use the Chairman was desired to advertise them for Lease at Auction—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 6. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Oliver, Hunnewell Wright May. Webb—

Repeated applications having been made for an increase of the number of Constables, it was now determined to make an addition of 2. to the number, the following persons were chosen and their Sureties approved

	Sureties—	
M^{r}. George Jackson	Charles Hall John Loring	sworn
M^{r}. George Read - - -	Martin Burr— - - -	sworn
	James Farrar—	

Several of the Occupants of Stores in Dock Square appeared & represented the inconveniences & injury which they sustained from the incumbrances & inconvenience of Carts & Benches &c— before their Doors, and requested some relief—

It was agreed that Mr. Meriam the Clerk of the Market should have the care & arrangement of Dock Square & Union Street— and that he be directed to make such arrangements and improvements in placing Carts Benches &c. as the Ground will admit— and that Mr. Gammell conform to Mr. Meriams directions

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 13t. 1809 —Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Humnewell, Wright, Oliver, Foster, Weld, Webb,

Boston Septemr. 6. 1809. At a Meeting of the Selectmen—

Return was made by the Honble. Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of the expence of repairing the Common Sewer in Court Street the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed, they being informed at the same time, that all Persons concerned in said Drain had been notified according to law—and no [433.] objection having been made— *Assessment* was made thereon; an Order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows—vizt.—

WHEREAS a Drain or Common Sewer has been laid in Court Street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen the whole expence whereof amounts to three hundred & forty eight Dollars —which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby—Wherefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town of Boston Certifie that having considered the same expence, and by whom & in what manner it ought to be borne—DO ADJUDGE that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the Persons hereafter named—Vizt.—

Gardner Greene Esq - - -	1 share each	19 ,, 33
Mrs. Powell - - - - - -		
Peter Thatcher for Brattle Street Society - - - -		
Abraham Gibson - - - -		
Joseph Loring - - - - -		
County of Suffolk - - - -	4 shares -	77 ,, 32
William Tudor - - - - -	1 share each	19 ,, 33
John Heard - - - - - -		
John Lucas - - - - - -		
Thomas Stevenson - - -	2 shares -	38 ,, 66
James White - - - - -	1 share each	19 ,, 33
John Q. Adams - - - -		
Peter. C. Brecks - - - -		
John Phillips - - - - -		

And we hereby Authorize & empower Mr. James Meinzies to demand & receive the same from persons above named & to give discharges therefor—

CHARLES BULFINCH
WILLIAM PORTER
EBEZR. OLIVER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
FRANCIS WRIGHT
JOSEPH FOSTER
NATHAN WEBB
BENJAMIN WELD— } Selectmen

[434.] Messrs: Russell Lovell & other Proprietors of Buildings on Leverett Street who had been assessed for the Common Sewer in that Street—appeared & were questioned respecting their connection with the drain—and it was determined that Mr. Lovell not having any use for the Common Sewer nor any drain into it, ought not to be assessed for any share therein—afterwards Committed to Mr. Hunnewell, Wright, & Foster to examine

On an application from a Committee of the Proprietors of Long Wharff, it was agreed to proceed to take down part of Mr. Whites Store to widen State Street; the Chairman was desired to inform Mr. White and to ask him to make choice of the mode for ascertaining his damages—

28 Jurors drawn for the Court of Common Pleas, the Meeting Adjourned to this day week to supply any vacancies that may happen in the list—Jurors entered in Jury Books—

The [A?] number of rules & orders were read to regulate the stands of Trucks & Carts & various Articles from the Country, & having been considered & amended the same was adopted & ordered to be printed & a Copy placed on file—

Mr. Oliver & Mr. Hunnewell a Committee to view Essex Street to consider what additions should be made to that Street from the Land opposite to Mr. Sargents estate, and to take measures for that purpose—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 20. 1809
Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Webb, Weld,

9 Jurors drawn to supply vacancies—

Mr. White appeared & after conferring with the Board on the subject of widening State Street by taking off part of his Store—made a proposal that if the Store could be suffered to stand untill the beginning of May, he would then agree to the Nomination of

Referees to determine his damages—he having retired the proposal was considered, and to accommodate his business, the ensuing Fall it was determined to agree to it: the Chairman was desired to procure a suitable obligation from Mr. White to be placed on file

Mr. Jesse Sanger having produced sufficient recommendations was appointed an Auchtioneer—Mr. Charles Lerows License removed

[**435.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 27. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Oliver, Wright Hunnewell Webb, Weld,

Passed on the monthly Accounts—

Boston ss: At a special Meeting of Selectmen October 2d. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster, Webb & Weld—

This meeting was called for the purpose of receiving deeds of the Boston Mill Corporation of the Towns proportion of the land, which has been made part of Pond Street, and to give to said Corporation a deed of the remainder of the same land—

The Directors of the Mill Corporation were present and the deeds being read & examined were signed & duly executed by the Parties—

The land conveyed to the Town was the same which was selected the 30th of Sepr. 1808, & contains 16525 square feet, fronting on Pond Street 122 - - feet & west on Cooper Street 135½ feet—

A Certificate was signed approving of the Building in Federal Street for the purpose of a Theatre for one year, and also approving of Messrs: Powell, Dickinson & Bernard with their Associates as Performers in the same Building for one Year—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 4. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster, Webb—

14 Jurors drawn for Circuit Court—and entred on Juror Books

Approved the Indentures of William Dittin a Minor to Timothy Foster, Mariner, to be in force untill the 20th. of Decemr. 1813

Representation was made to the Honble. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, that Matthew Bayley, Baker, was from intemperance liable to wasting his property & in danger of becoming chargeable to the Town, & requesting him to take measures to appoint a Guardian for him—

Mr. Hunnewell Mr. Wright & Mr. Foster were requested to examine the situation of the houses & their Cellars in that part of Leveret Street where the new Common Sewer has been laid in order to determine upon whom the expence ought to be assessed —they to report as soon as may be convenient—

[436.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r. 11. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright Foster, Webb, Weld,

A number of Jurors were drawn for Court of Common Pleas to supply deficiencies in former list—the same entered in Jury Books—

The Chairman Mr. Foster & Mr. Weld a Committee to consider & adopt regulations for Carts & Horses in the Streets & Market

Agreed to have a fence built round the land lately conveyed to the Town by Deed east of Pond Street and a range of Stalls for Horses built within the Fence to accommodate the Market People—

The Board adjourned to view the Street across Copps Hill said to be encroached upon by Mr. Newman, also the part of Lynn Street west of Copp's hill—to consider what shall be done for the public security—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 18th. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Webb, Weld,

A petition from a number of Retail Shopkeepers in Cornhill & Dock Square was presented to remonstrate against the retail Auctions—the same was conversed upon while the Gentlemen were present, and they were promised the further attention of the Board—

On the application of David Haynes, he has liberty to place a Fish Box over the Water at the South end of Rainsfords Lane

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 25th. 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb, Weld, Oliver,

Mr. Webb was requested to have the necessary repairs made on Lynn Street—

The Chairman & Mr. Weld to view Copper Street, to order a suitable Fence on the west side by the water—

Messrs: John & Joseph Rowe who had commenced the repairs of the Common Sewer in Essex Street appeared to ask the direction of the Board relative to continuing the work—having made enquiry into the state of said Drain, it was directed to be completed to the main Drain in Newbury Street, and M^{r}. Oliver was requested to inspect and give directions—

[**437.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of Selectmen October 30. 1809 Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Webb, Weld

Passed upon monthly Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 1. 1809—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver Hunnewell, May, Wright, Weld,

Passed upon other Accounts—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r} 8th 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Oliver, May, Wright Webb, Foster & Weld, Grand Jurors & Traverse Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court—

Messrs: Bulfinch, Foster & Weld—a Committee on the application of the Inhabitants of Myrtle Street; to consider whether any measures can be taken to remove several small buildings from the west end of that street and to continue the street further.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r} 15th 1809 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver Hunnewell, Foster, Webb & Weld
one Grand Juror drawn in place of Mr Levi Bush who has removed from Town—

Six Jurors were drawn for District Court—

Jesse Mero, Sexton of the Chapel Church, was approved as a Funeral Porter instead of James Baker resigned

M^{r}. Elisha Parks is licensed as an Auchtioneer—

Boston ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen [November 22^{d}. 1809] Present. Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Foster Webb & Weld.—

On the application of Jno W Folsom Esq. he is licensed as an Auchtioneer—

The Chairman, M^{r}. Oliver, M^{r}. Hunnewell M^{r}. Foster and M^{r}. Weld—a Committee to view the place at the east end of Boylston Street, where [**438.**] M^{r}. Mosely is preparing to erect a

building :—to consider whether the street requires to be widened on that side, in consequence of the new Market house being lately built there.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen [November 29th. 1809] Present, Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, & Weld.—

The Board having been informed that the Town Clerk, *William Cooper* Esq had departed this life, in the evening preceding; appointed Mess: Bulfinch, Oliver, & Weld to consider & adopt such arrangements for his funeral, at the expence of the Town, as shall express the respectful sense entertained by his fellow citizens of his long and faithful services, and their grateful remembrance of his patriotic virtues.—

Passed upon the monthly accounts.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen. [December 4th. 1809] Present. Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright Foster, Webb & Weld.—

This meeting was summoned to consider the propriety of calling a meeting of the Town to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Town Clerk.—after examining the law providing for such cases;—A Warrant was prepared and signed for a Town meeting on the 13th instant, for choice of Town Clerk & to act upon the report of the Board of Health relative to Burying grounds.

The Chairman was desired to apply to Daniel Davis Esq. and to engage him to defend the Town, in conjunction with Samuel Dexter Esq. in the suit brought by the heirs of Govr. Hancock—

[**439.**] Boston ss: at a meeting of the Selectmen [December 6th. 1809] Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster

The Committee appointed to view the houses in Leverett Street, where the Common Sewer was lately built, reported; and the subject of Mr. Lovell's objections to pay the proportion assessed on him were fully discussed and considered.—and after long deliberation, it was *Voted*, that the proceedings relative to that Common Sewer having been regularly transacted by the Board, agreeably to the returns of proprietors made at the time (Aug 22d) that it was not now expedient to make any alteration in the assessment.

The Committee chosen to view the entrance of Boylston street reported that as their opinion, the increase of business, and the

concourse of carriages which would naturally be occasioned by the new market house in that street, would make it necessary to widen the easterly end of Boylston Street and also the entrance of Orange Street, by taking down part of the shop of Mr. Saml. Hastings.—

Voted—To proceed to morrow at 10 oClock to the situation above named for the purpose of marking off on Mr. Hastings & Mr. Mosely's buildings—such part as the board should then consider necessary to be taken for the widening and improvement of the streets.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen [December 7th. 1809] Present, Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell Wright, Foster & Weld.

The Selectmen proceeded to view the entrance [**440.**] of Boylston Street; and determined that in their opinion the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants required that the easterly end of that street should be widened and accordingly agreed that a line should be drawn from the easterly corner of a new, one-story building belonging to Mr. Adam Smith to a point four feet north of the westerly corner of the house of Mr. David Mosely & to continue in said direction through said house to Orange Street.

The Chairman was desired to inform Mr. Mosely of the direction of the new line of the street, that he may arrange his new building according to it: and that it is not intended to take down any part of the house or shop at present.

The Board then proceeded to view the entrance of Orange Street, and unanimously determined that the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants required that the street should be widened in that place; and agreed to draw a line for the easterly side of that street, from the north corner of the shop on the west part of Saml. Hastings land to a point 9 feet east of the front of said Hastings' shop at the corner of Orange and Essex Streets.—

Voted. That Mr. Mosely & Mr. Hastings be informed of these proceedings, and be desired to meet the Selectmen for the purpose of agreeing upon the mode of ascertaining the damage, sustained by them respectively—

N B. The above minutes of proceedings from Novr. 8 were entered by the Subscriber and under his direction during the sickness of Wm Cooper Esq. & after his death until the choice of Thomas Clark Esq CHARLES BULFINCH Chairman

[**441.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Present —Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May & Weld.—

Jurors were drawn for the Court of Common Pleas at January term.—

Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen December 20th. 1809. Present Messrs: Bulfinch Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May, Weld & Webb.—

M^{r}. Isaac P. Davis & M^{r}. David Greenough, appeared & represented that they had lately purchased the land by the Hay scales, formerly sold by the Town to Col Henry Jackson; & upon measuring the land, they find it deficient of the quanity expressed in the Deeds.—after viewing the plans—the Gentlemen withdrew, and the Chairman, M^{r}. Hunnewell & M^{r}. Wright were chosen a Committee to examine the Deeds, & measure the land if necessary & to report to the Board.—

M^{r}. Mosely appeared respecting his land in Boylston Street agreed to postpone the choice of Referees to Wednesday next.—

M^{r}. Hastings also appeared respecting his land taken to widen Orange street—which after being discussed, it was agreed should be referred to this day fortnight for choice of Referees.—

Voted. To appropriate the Room over the Board of Health office in Faneuil Hall to the use of the Town Clerk.—

[**442.**] Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr 7th 1809

Return was made by M^{r}. Joseph Rowe of the Expence of repairing the Common sewer at the Easterly end of Essex Street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to Law, and those who had objections having been heard thereon; Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows. viz.—Whereas a Drain or Common Sewer has been laid in Essex Street, conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to one hundred & thirty eight Dollars, which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein & receive benefit thereby: wherefore we the subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston certify, that having considered the same expence and by whom, & in what manner it ought to be paid. *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following, & by the persons hereafter named. viz.—

Samuel Hastings - - - - -	3 shares—	59.13.
Robert Hewes - - - - - -	1 d°—	19.71.—
Mary Rea - - - - - - - -	1 d°—	19.71.
John & Joseph Rowe - - -	2 d°—	39.42.—

And we hereby Authorize & empower the said Joseph Rowe Esq to demand & receive the same & to give discharges therefor.—

signed CHARLES BULFINCH
EBEN^R. OLIVER
JON^A HUNNEWELL
FRANCIS WRIGHT
JOSEPH FOSTER
BENJ^A WELD
} Selectmen

[**443.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen [December 27th. 1809] Present: Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.

5 Jurors were drawn to supply vacancies in the list last drawn for Court of Com: Pleas.—

3 Jurors were drawn for Circuit Court.—

M^r. Hunnewell reported the Expence of a Powder Carriage, at about 50 Dollars; he was requested to engage one to be built.

M^r. David Beaman is appointed as an Auchtioneer at his Store in Kilby Street.—

The attention of the Board being called to the Advertisments which have appeared in the late papers respecting a Masquerade to be held in this Town; the subject was fully discussed & the following Vote passed Unanimously—

Voted. That this Board observe with extreme concern an Attempt to introduce an Amusement so uncongenial to the habits & manners of the Citizens of this place, & so immediately dangerous to the morals of the Younger part of the Community.— the Board therefore determine to take every Legal measure to prevent the proposed entertainment or exhibition, & direct that the person who offers the tickets for sale, & the occupier of the House where such entertainment is to be held, be notified of the resolution of the Board; and be warned to desist from further Attempts to carry on an Exhibition which will be discountenanced by the Authority of the Town.—

[**444.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 3^d. 1810.— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Mr Samuel Hastings appeared & proposed the names of a number of Gentlemen to act as referees upon the estimate of damages sustained by him in taking his land & Building to widen the Entrance of Orange Street.—from which list the following were selected by the Board.

Joseph Head
John Welles
Thos. Williams
Uriah Cotting
John Chandler.—& the Chairman was desired to notify the Gentlemen of the choice & to request them to act on this Occasion.

The Committee to whom was referred the claim of the purchasers of Land opposite the Mall, reported a written opinion of Counsel whom they had Consulted; which was read and agreed to; that the claim for damages against the Town had no foundation either in Law or equity.—

On the Petition of Mr. Abel Wheelock, he is approved as an Auchtioneer for sale of Horses and Carriages, at the yard west of Marlborough Street, called Gillam place: upon Condition that the Streets shall not be incumbred by Carriages, or by exhibiting horses therein.—

The Chairman, Mr. Hunnewell & Mr. Wright a Committee to confer with the directors of the New England Insurance Company, respecting the widening of Exchange Lane—in consequence of Communication from their President informing the [445.] board of their intention to take down their present building & to rebuild.—

Capt. Carver wishes for approbation for a Bake house, of a building, late a paper hanging Manufactory in South Russell Street, Voted, that the situation be approved for that purpose, provided the consent of the firewards be obtained to Appropriate the building to the proposed use.—

The Chairman is impowered to employ two persons as a patrole watch, under the Regulations adopted last winter.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 10th. 1810—Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster Webb & Weld.—

A vacancy being occasioned in the office of hay weigher by the death of Mr. Trott; several applications were handed to the board from persons desirous of the appointment:—the same were read & considered, & it was then determined that the choice should be for one year & that the person chosen should give

bonds for the faithful discharge of his duty with two sufficient sureties for the sum of one Thousand Dollars.—Votes being taken by ballot *Mr William H M Neil* was declared to be chosen.—

The Committee on the subject of Exchange Lane reported that they had met the Committee of the N. E. Insurance Office, & the result of their conference, that the parties interested, by owning buildings on that street should be invited to meet, for the purpose of devising & agreeing upon a mode of procedure [**446.**] to have the street widened—& that the board should empower a Committee to act on the part of the Town: Voted that the same Committee be empowered to meet the parties interested; to agree upon referees to Assess & award damages & that they should consider what sum the Town should pay towards the proposed improvement, & that their decision should be binding upon the Town; agreeable to the powers vested in the Selectmen by law for the widening of Streets.

The Board having heard the representation of Mr. Isaac Tucker Administrator on the estate of Mrs Deborah Rea, and having ascertained that the Drain in Essex Street was not compleated until after her Death, have agreed that the Assessment against her made December 7th. ought to be paid by Mr. Robert Hewes the present owner of the estate.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 15th. 1810.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Weld & Webb.—

The present meeting was called by precept from the Supreme Judicial Court, for the purpose of drawing Twenty four Jurors to serve at the present term of that Court.—

[**447.**] Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen January 17th 1810.—Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Foster, Weld & Webb.—

Mr Benjamin White was chosen Measurer of Wood coming from the Country over Charles River Bridge.—

The Chairman was desired to publish an Extract from the Law regulating the measuring of Wood, to prevent fraud in the sale of that Article.

A Communication was read from the Board of Health in which they express their willingness to accept the care of the Burying grounds and the conduct of funerals, agreeable to the proceedings of the Town at the last Meeting.—

Mr. Samuel Harris appeared to claim Compensation for damage done him in taking away part of a Shop, to lay out Broad Street in the Year 1805.—The Chairman was to present Mr. Harris demand to the President of the Broad Street Association.—

Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen January 24th 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Weld & Webb.—

Return of the patrole watch read.—

The Chairman presented the report of the trial on the suit of Hancock for Beacon Hill, drawn up by Daniel Davis Esq one of the counsel employed by the Board—

Also, a report of a trial on an Indictment against Thomas Lewis for incumbring the harbour by [**448.**] building the out-wharves—the same drawn up by D. Davis Esq at the request of the Chairman, as involving questions of importance to the Town.

The subject of widening Exchange Lane again under consideration—the Committee reported their proceedings in conference with the abutters, & that they were again to meet them this day.—

Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen January 29th. 1810.—Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, Weld & Webb.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen January 31st 1810 Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Passed other Accounts.—

Mr William Morrill is appointed measurer of Wood from the Country, over the Canal Bridge, end of Leverett Street.—

Mr. Porter, Mr Foster & Mr Weld a Committee on the application of Mr Skinner to examine his claim to compensation upon such persons as have entred drains into the common sewer laid by him in Sister Street: they are desired to notify the parties & report their opinion.—

[**449.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 7th 1810.—Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright & Foster.—

On the application of Mr. William Collins the Board approve of the situation of his house in North Street for a bake house—provided the firewards approve of the building for that use.—

An application was read from Robt T. Paine Esq stating his claim to a Tomb in the Granary burying Ground formerly belonging to Josiah Willard Esq, and in which tomb several of the Ancestors of Judge Paine are now deposited; but which was taken possession of by Mr Samuel Bangs for repairs done thereon in 1786, by consent of the Selectmen at that time.—

The Board considered the application, and are of opinion that Judge Paine's claim is well founded, and are willing that he should take possession of the said Tomb, but that he should not disturb or remove the remains of any of the Family of Mr. Bangs who may be therein.—

On the petition of a number of residents at West Boston, it was agreed that the bell of the 3d Baptist Church should be rung at eleven, one & nine o'Clock—at the expence of the Town.—

A Petition from the abutters on Ann Street praying for regulations of the market Carts usually standing in that street, was [**450.**] read & assigned to the Committee who have under consideration the regulation of the Market.—

A Petition from the abutters on Sea Street, for the paving of that street early in the next season, was committed to Mr Hunnewell & Mr Wright—to confer with the applicants thereon.—

Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen February 14th. 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, May, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Return was made by the Committee chosen the 31st January last to examine into the circumstances of the drain laid by Mr Skinner in Sister Street—which was read & considered, and being accepted, it was ordered that assessment for said drain be made out agreeably to the principles of said report: and which is ordered to be on file—

The Roof of the North School house having been much injured by fire this morning, the Chairman was desired to employ workmen to make the necessary repairs, and take measures for the Accommodation of the School while the repairs are going on.—

[**451.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb. 21st. 1810.—

Present the whole Board—

Grand Jurors & traverse Jurors were drawn to serve at the supreme Judicial Court in March next.—

The Assessment for the drain in Sister Street was made out, & being discussed, it was determined it should lay for the present—

Messrs Hunnewell, Wright, Webb & Weld a Committee in conjunction with the Committee of the board of Health to consider the expediency of applying to the Legislature for powers to the board of health to inforce the regulations of the Burying grounds Adopted by the Town at the last Town Meeting—& to act on this subject as they shall judge expedient.—

The application of Mr Ryan for Liberty to exhibit what he terms the art of Pugilism, & his justification of that practice was read, & being fully considered, it was determined as the opinion of the board, that such exhibitions should not be authorized by the Government of the Town, & that any keeper of a Licensed house of entertainment who should admit such performances in his house, should be deprived of the privilege of his Licence.—

[**452.**] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 26th. 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright & Webb.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Boston ss. at a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb. 28th 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright Webb, & Foster.—

Mr Blanchard & D^r. Dexter appeared & stated their objections to paying any considerable proportion of the drain in Sister Street, they were examined respecting the number of communications which they and Mr Tilden had with said drain. & the papers were referred to the former Committee for further investigation & consideration.

Passed the Monthly & quarterly accounts.

Warrant was prepared & signed for Town Meeting for choice of Town officers for the 12th March.

M^r. Park to print the Notifications

Rev. Doc^r Lathrop—to be requested to open the Meeting with Prayer.—

The Assessors having given notice that the new lists of Voters will be ready by the 1st March, according to Law—the board agreed upon two Gentlemen in each ward to correct the said lists—the Chairman was desired to request their services, to have the corrections made by the 10th. March.—

[**453.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 7th 1810.—Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Weld & Webb.

Mr. Morrill, measurer of Wood at Canal bridge appeared to answer complaints made against his measuring. after some conversation on the subject, he was desired to pay particular attention to the accuracy of his measure—and it was agreed to suspend further proceedings for the present.—

The Chairman reported that a Law had passed the Legislature, to empower the Assistant Assessors to correct the lists of Voters in their respective wards—it was agreed that they should be notified to meet to-morrow P. M. to be sworn into Office & be desired to undertake the correction of the lists immediately.—

Boston ss: at a Meeting of the Selectmen March 14th 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster Webb & Weld.—

The members present were sworn according to law by Justice Stevenson.—

The board came to the choice of a Chairman, the ballots being taken, [**454.**] Charles Bulfinch Esq. was declared to be chosen.—

The Chairman reported that the ward lists had been delivered to the assistant assessors for correction: he was desired to have them printed as soon as possible after they should be returned to him.

On the application of Mr. Wheelock, the open space of ground back of the Province house was approved as a place for sale of horses & Cattle by Auction.—

Boston ss. at a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21st 1810. Present Messrs:—Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Warrant was signed for Town Meeting the first Monday of April next, for the choice of Governour Lieutenant Governour & Senators. Doct. Eckley to be requested to open the Meeting with Prayer.

Mr. Park to print the notifications.—

At the request of Mr Leverett the board went again into the consideration of his claim to Almshouse land, & his proposals to compromise for 8000 dollars.—

The Deeds were read & the plan examined, and after full consideration it was determined not to accede to the proposal of [**455.**] compromise, but that the Committee be impowered to enter into an Arbitration agreement, under a rule of Court for

the final Adjustment of all Mr Leveretts claims, on such conditions as the Counsel employed by the board should approve—and the referees to act under instructions from the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court.—

The Secretary & Treasurer of the Franklin donation having notified a Meeting of the Trustees of that fund at this time, his Accounts were exhibited. Mr Wright & Mr Weld were appointed a Committee to examine them, who reported that they were correct—the secretary was desired to prepare a statement of the present situation of the fund to exhibit at the next Meeting.—

On the application of William Belcher Esq he is approved as an Auctioneer.—

On the application of the residents at South Boston for repairs of streets—Mr Porter was desired to view the streets in that district, to observe what repairs were necessary.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28th 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Foster & Webb.—

28 Jurors were drawn for Court of Com. Pleas.

[**456.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 11th. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Foster & Webb.—

11 Jurors were drawn to supply vacancies in the list last drawn for the Court of Com. Pleas.—

A vacancy having been occasioned in the North Watch by the death of Francis Cleaver Junr., applications for the place were received from several persons—which having been considered, Mr David Lawrence was chosen in his stead.—

In pursuance of a precept from the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Mr Elijah Nickerson, & return was made & signed by the Selectmen present, that said Nickerson was non compos mentis, & they recommended that a Guardian should be appointed for him.—

[**457.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 18th 1810. Present, Meesrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright & Weld.

A Committee from a newly instituted Insurance Company occupying the room in the Town house lately hired by Mr. Burley, made application for the same room; Mr Burley being obliged to

relinquish business from sickness—and wished a deduction from the rent, & stated their reasons—after they had retired, the subject was considered, and it was unanimously determined to hold the whole of the end leased to Mr Burley at the rent of $800 dollars—or the part now occupied by the Insurance Company exclusive of M^r. Clelands office for $600.—

Plan of streets near Beacon hill were laid before the board & estimates respecting the Towns property on the hill—Agreed that the heirs of Gov. Hancock be invited to attend next Wednesday on their application for purchase or exchange of the Towns property on Beacon hill.—

The Chairman was desired to request the Assistant Assessors to take measures for obtaining a return of the number of ratable polls previous to the 12th May next.—

Estimates of paving sea Street were laid before the board by the Com^e. [**458.**] appointed on that Street—who proposed that the abutters should lay a broad side walk on the west side of the Street & the Street to be paved 20 feet wide in Addition—the expence of the center paving about 1500 dollars—To enable the proprietors to make contracts to advantage it was agreed, if the Town should make the usual appropriations for paving at the May Meeting, the board would allow, one Thousand Dollars towards paving Sea Street & Beach Street, to join the pavement in South Street.

Messrs Stephen W. Jackson & Francis Jackson applied for a licence of a building they are now erecting west of Washington Street for a Candle Manufactory—after considering the subject it was determined, that the reasons which formerly influenced the Selectmen to forbid such manufactories on the neck, were still in full force; and that the licence now applied for could not be granted.—

Messrs Brown & Hough applied for a licence as Auctioneers in addition to their usual business of wholesale merchants, the applicants produced very respectable recommendations; but the board considered it not advisable to grant a licence to persons well established in another business.—

A Committee from the proprietors of land & buildings on Myrtle Street applied to request that measures might be taken [**459.**] to continue the westerly end of said Street to Grove Street, & by that means to remove a number of small buildings which are occupied by persons who bring a discredit on the neighbourhood.—The Chairman, Mr Foster & Mr Weld appointed to view and Report.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25th 1810.— Present, Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Mr. Isaac White having been reminded of his engagement to consent to the naming of referees for ascertaining the amount which he should receive for damages for part of his Store & the land under the same to be taken to widen the lower part of State Street: Mr White now appeared & presented a list of Twenty persons—& after some consideration the following Gentlemen were selected,

William Parsons
John C. Jones
Isaac Rand
John Winslow
John Joy Esquires

and the Chairman was desired to request them to attend the service Assigned them.—

[**460.**] The following arrangement of Committees was adopted for the year ensuing.—

Mr May the easterly North division of Streets

Mr Webb the westerly north division of ditto

Mr Weld— wards No 4 & 5
Mr Bulfinch wards No 6 & 7
Mr Hunnewell ward No 8
Mr Wright ward No 9
Mr Foster ward No 10
Mr Oliver ward No 11
Mr Porter ward No 12

Messrs Bulfinch, Porter & Hunnewell for the neck.—

Messrs Oliver, Foster & Weld for care of the Common.—

The Common Committee was desired to pay immediate attention to the state of the fences & to direct the repairs thereof & of the Mall; & to order such trees to be replaced as are wanted, & the necessary pruning to be done.—

Mr Weld, the proprietor of a small House in Exchange lane appeared and complained that his property was to be taken away without compensation previously made to him.—he was reminded that he had been invited in writing to attend the meeting of the referees & to consent to the rule entered into by the other parties, but had paid no attention [**461.**] to the request of the board;

but since he had now appeared, the board would consider what propositions they could make him & would communicate the same in writing.—

Mr Huse, Mr John Hancock & Mr Spear appeared on the part of the owners of Beacon hill to confer respecting the Towns property there—after some general conversation it was agreed to appoint a Committee to consider the subject & to report to the board, & after that a further communication would be made to the applicants.—

The Gentlemen having withdrawn, the Chairman, Mr Hunnewell & Mr Weld were chosen on the Committee.—

Complaint having been made against several stones placed as posts in front of Mr Thompsons house in south Pond Street; it was directed that the same be removed by the officer of Police.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30th. 1810.— Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright & Webb.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Mr. Nathan Hull having been recommended to the satisfaction of the board, is approved to keep a private School for teaching the mathematics in this Town.

[462.] Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 2d. 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May & Weld.—

Passed the remainder of the Accounts.—

The Chairman exhibited an Account presented by the Administrator on the Estate of the late William Cooper Esq for the arrears of grants due according to Votes of the Town. the same were examined & compared with the Votes—the Chairman was desired to draw up a statement to be laid before the Town, at the next Meeting.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 9th. 1810. Present Mess Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Warrant was prepared & signed for a Town Meeting on the 16th. Instant for the choice of Representatives & for the 17th. for the Money concerns of the year.—

Dr. Baldwin to be requested to open the Meeting with Prayer.—

Mr Park to print Notifications.—

The subject of the application of the heirs of Gov Hancock to purchase Beacon Hill was considered—and the Chairman was desired to prepare a Report to be laid before the Town.—

A Statement relative to Mr. Cooper's arrears was read & considered & accepted to be presented to the Town.—

[**463.**] The Chairman informed the board that a number of Gentlemen had purchased of Capt. Hinckley a portion of the land late the estate of Jeremiah Allen Esq for the purpose of widening the south entrance of Somersett Street, for which they had paid 900 Dollars & a deed of the land had been given by Capt. Hinckley to the Town.

Voted, that the southerly end of said Somersett Street be leveled & regulated at the Expence of the Town & Mr. Bulfinch, Mr. Oliver & Mr. Weld were desired to direct the workmen.—

Information being given that the workmen were ready to proceed upon the foundation of the new Court House, the Chairman was desired to apply to the owners of vacant land in School Street, for liberty to place the Engine house thereon as a temporary accommodation.—

A Meeting of the selectmen was warned

Messrs. Bulfinch, May & Foster attended—

The Assistant Assessors made return of the number of rateable polls in the several wards of the Town amounting in all to 9557.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15th 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, Wright, May & Foster.

Jurors were drawn for the Circuit Court.—

[**464.**] Boston ss. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen May 18th 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.

This meeting was called by request of some of the board to meet at the easterly end of Pond Street to view the wall of the Mill Creek now building—after examining the same, it was Voted.

That in the opinion of the board, it is necessary that the bottom of the new part of the Creek now making, should be dug away, on a level with the old part of the Creek; and that all the walls

of the Creek and Canal in future should be laid on the solid Clay bottom, and that all the mud and loose earth should be dug away.—

Voted that the Chairman communicate the above to the President of the Mill Corporation, & that the board meet on Monday next 12 °Clock, at Faneuil Hall, on this business.—

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Monday May 21st by Adjournment from the 18th.— Present Messrs Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

The Chairman informed the board that he had communicated the votes passed at the last meeting, both to the President & Agent of the Mill Corporation, that they had informed him a meeting of the directors should be immediately [**465.**] called, and measures taken to comply with the wishes of the Board as far as should be found practicable from the nature of the ground.—

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 23d. 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May & Wright.—

The Chairman was directed to inform the Clerk of the proprietors of Long Wharf of the amount & conditions of the award upon Mr. Whites Store, as rendered by the referees—and that upon the money being deposited with the Town Treasurer, the workmen will immediately proceed to take down the building.—

On the representation of Mr Brooks president of the New England Insurance office—relative to a loss or deduction from their land more than they had expected, after the laying out Exchange lane—the plan was viewed & considered, and it was Voted, That the Directors of the New England Insurance Company be informed that the Selectmen expect that the entrance of Exchange Lane be widened 12 feet according to the award of the Commissioners; and with respect to the loss of 2½ feet of land in width on the lower end of their lot, the board are willing, on the part of the Town, and as a party in the reference, to submit the same to the original referees, to abide [**466.**] by their proportion of the damage.—

On the application of a number of Gentlemen for a Copy of the returns of rateable Polls last taken by the Assistant Assessors—Voted. That the Town Clerk be authorized to give copies of the Books of returns of rateable Polls, at the expence of the applicants; provided that the Publick business of the Assessors in taking the valuation of estates shall not be interrupted by the detention of any of said Books.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28th 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

A special meeting had been summoned to meet this Morning on Fort Hill in consequence of a number of persons undertaking to dig down the Street on the West side of the hill, without order or consent of the board—they were then forbidden to proceed.—the subject was now considered & Messrs Hunnewell Wright & Weld appointed a Committee to direct the forming the Streets round the hill, & to consider what measures should be taken to secure the fence & center of the hill.

[**467.**] Several of the Inhabitants of Distil house square appeared to complain of the want of drains in that Street to convey the water from their cellars, in consequence of filling the mill Pond— & of a number of places filled with stagnant water.—

The Chairman was desired to communicate the above complaint to the President & Agent of the Mill Corporation, & urge the necessity of drawing off the stagnant water immediately—& that persons be employed to open ditches from such low places to the tide water.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16th. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

The Board came to the choice of an Orator for the 4th July next. —and Alexander Townsend Esq was chosen agreeably to the Institution of the Town to deliver an Oration on the anniversary of American Independence.—The Chairman was desired to communicate to Mr Townsend the request of the board.—

This time being assigned by publick advertizement for receiving applications for the office of Constable, a number of Applications [**468.**] were received, and read; together with the recommendations accompanying them and the choice was postponed to Wednesday next.—

Mr Caleb Loring Junr. was chosen sealer & weigher of lighters & boats for conveyance of stones, sand & gravel.—

The Chairman informed the board that he had complied with their directions at the last meeting; to ask the attention of the Mill Corporation to the state of drains & cellars on the southerly side of the pond, his letter is on file—Nothing effectual having been yet done, the board directed a further communication on the subject & which was sent as followes.—

To the President & Directors of Mill Corporation

Gentlemen

The abutters on Distill house square have informed the Selectmen that their houses, from Sudbury Street to Mr Tidds distil house are deprived of the drains from their cellars by filling up the mill pond; that many of their cellars are consequently overflowed with water; and that the board of Health has ordered them to remove the water as a Nuisance.—

The Selectmen upon hearing this representation, have considered the peculiar [**469.**] situation of the proprietors on this street, and are of opinion that by the Contract with Mill Corporation, the old drains must be continued, or a new common sewer must be laid for them in the street, to connect at each end with the sewers that lead through the Pond.

I am desired to call the attention of the directors to this subject, that they would take immediate measures to rid those cellars of water in either of the modes above pointed out; as a condition of the contract with the Town, & as [an] indispensable necessity for preserving the health of that neighbourhood.—

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June 5th. 1810.

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 13th 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright & Weld.—

Jurors were drawn for the District Court—& another list for the Court of Common Pleas.—

A number of the Abutters on Distill hill square appeared on the subject of their Cellars being filled with water.—

From their representation it appeared, that their drains into the Mill Pond had [**470.**] been stopped by the filling of the Pond; that the board of health had ordered a drain to be dug in the street to communicate with their cellars, & had informed them that the expence thereof must be paid by the abutters.—The applicants complained of being deprived of their old drains, & of the hardship of being compelled to pay the cost of a new one. —After much discussion, they withdrew; & the board requested the Town Advocate to attend; who gave his opinion; that the board of health could proceed to lay the new drain, but must of necessity assess the expence upon the persons on whose property the nuisance existed: but such persons would have a right to prosecute the Mill Corporation as having occasioned the difficulty in the first instance.—

A petition on a similar subject from the inhabitants of Prince street, was read; complaining of the overflow of their cellars.—The board being informed that the Directors of the Mill Corporation had appointed a Committee to confer with the Selectmen upon this, & other subjects relative to their proceedings in the Pond: it was agreed to meet on [**471.**] Saturday next at noon: to receive any Communications from such Committee.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16th 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

The board had a conference with the Committee from the directors of Mill Corporation—the subject of drains & common sewers was discussed—& it was agreed to take no further measures relative to the houses in Distill house square untill the new drain now laying by order of the Board of health should be compleated—the Petition from Prince street was committed to Mr Webb, who was empowered to employ some judicious person to examine into the cause of the stoppage, and remove the same if it could be done at moderate expence; or otherwise to report to the board.—

The Chairman informed that the workmen were now ready to lay the corner of the New England Office, building, on Exchange Lane, and had received orders to lay the corner Stone [**472.**] in such a manner as would reduce the Street three inches from the intended width.—the Gentlemen present proceeded to the spot and directed the workmen to lay the wall so as to leave the street 23 feet 11 Inches wide according to the Plan.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20th 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Wright Webb & Weld.—

Jurors were drawn to supply vacancies in the list for the Common Pleas.

The Chairman laid before the board a plan of house & land at the southerly end of Kingston Street, lately purchased by Mr. Nathl Goddard from the heirs of John Rowe—for the purpose of ascertaining, at the request of Mr Goddard what compensation should be allowed him for any land that may be taken from said lot to widen Kingston Street & Pond Street.—Having examined the plan & considered the subject, it was Voted. that it was not expedient to take any measures relative thereto, at the Expence of the Town.—

[**473.**] On the application of Saml. Dexter Esq. he has permission to open part of Beacon Street in front of his house to repair the arch built under that Street.—

A petition was presented by a number of residents in Dock Square, complaining of the inconvenience occasioned to them and the publick, by the noises at a Museum Kept by Mr Woods.— it was directed to be handed to the Town Advocate, to take such measures respecting the complaint as may be conformable to law.—

The Chairman, Mr Oliver, Mr Wright & Mr. Weld were chosen a Committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, to request the honour of his company & that of the Hon. Council at the oration to be delivered on the 4th July next at the request of the Town.

The same Committee was desired to consider what arrangements were proper for the celebration of that Anniversary of American Independence.—Also to subscribe for 13 Seats, for the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Orator & Chaplain of the day, to dine at Faneuil Hall.—

[**474.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 25th 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

The following named persons were chosen Constables for one year next ensuing, & those whose names are annexed were approved as sureties.—

*Thomas Stevenson—Dudley Walker & Thos Stevenson Jr
*Amos Lewis—Joshua Ellis & Thomas Lewis
*Henry Lane—Caleb Whiting—Josiah Danforth
*Elisha Copeland—John Perry—John Gibson
Moses Thayer—John Minchin—Jas Liswell
Jirah Holbrook—Jona Merry—Edwd Staples
*Jas. Sumner Jr.—Thos. W. Sumner—Jas Ridgway
*Levi Joy—Ezel. Brown—Joseph Bennett
*Solo. Twist—Wm Simonds—Amos Penniman
*Willm Tupper—John Gibson—Jno. Howe
*Benja. B. Leeds—Jeremh Gore Jr—Sam H. Babcock
*Wm Brooks—Leml. Babcock—Saml. K. Glover & Moses Wallack
*James Perkins—Timo Greene—Jas. Williams
*George Reed—Martin Burr—Jas Farrow
*Willm Dinsmore—Wm Cochran—David S. Eaton
*Jona. Prescott—John Barnard—Oliver C. Wyman
*Robert Rixford—Ed Frothingham—Thos. Redman

*Sworn

[**475.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27th 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Weld & Webb.—

Passed the remainder of the Accounts.

Approved the indentures of Lovina Danley, a female minor, as a servant to Michael Mr Bride, to continue untill the first day of May 1817—when she will be fourteen years of age.—

A proposal from Mr Robert G. Shaw was received, and considered, relative to making an appropriation of a sum for taking down part of Capt. Matchet's house in Fish Street.—Now, in consideration that Mr. Godfrey had been induced by the direction of the Selectmen to carry the front of his new building back from the Street;—& as the board had formerly offered one Thousand Dollars for that part of Mr Matchet's house & land wanted to widen the Street—it was agreed to allow to Mr Robert G. Shaw, the present owner of the estate formerly Godfreys the sum of one thousand Dollars for which the Town Treasurer will be empowered to give his promissory Note payable in two years, after the building shall be removed, & a proper conveyance given to the Town of the land added to the street from Godfreys & Matchets Estate.—

[**476.**] The Committee chosen on the 20th Inst. to wait on the Governour—Reported that they had performed the duty assigned them: and had requested his Excellency, with the honourable Council to honour the Town's celebration of the 4th July with their presence, That the Governour had replied to them; that the Supreme Executive had determined to pursue the same mode for that occasion which had been adopted by Gov. Sullivan, and in conformity with the resolve of the Legislature directing religious services to be performed by the Chaplains:—that he thought it would not be in his power to attend the Town Oration from want of time.—but would communicate the request of the Selectmen to the Council at their next Meeting.—

[**477.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 11th. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright Foster, Weld & Webb.—

On the application of a Committee of Directors of the Exchange Coffee house—The Chairman, Mr. Oliver & Mr Wright were appointed a Committee to take measures for widening half Court square & to lay out a new Street therefrom into Congress Street agreeably to the plan presented, & free of expence to the Town.—The same Committee to notify Mr. Harrison the owner of the land to be taken for the above purpose and to determine with him upon the mode ascertaining the Damages.—

An application was presented from John Winslow Esq. in behalf of himself & others and Addressed to the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, praying that the old road in South Boston lying west of Dorchester Street might be discontinued, being rendered useless from the new Streets having been made—Also praying that certain portions of the Streets laid out formerly by the Selectmen might be altered to conform to a continuation of Dorchester Street laid out by the proprietors—the plans were examined & the subject considered, and a certificate was signed by the Selectmen that they approved of Prayer of the petition.—

[**478.**] The Chairman presented to the board the deeds & papers relating to common Sewer & drain that conveys the water from Prince Street into the Mill Pond; and suggested an alteration in the course of the drain & sewer, if it could be done without expence to the Town.—Mr. Webb, Mr. Wright & Mr Weld were desired to examine the situation—to confer with the owners of the adjoining land, to consider what was expedient to be done and to report.—

Conformably to a precept from Hon. Thomas Dawes Esq Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Mrs. Frances Bruce and return was made that she was non compos mentis and that it was needful to have a guardian appointed for her.—

Approved of the Indentures of Sally Leonard a minor & mulatto to Mrs Catharine Vose, as a family servant to continue untill the 29th April 1816 when she will arrive at the age of 14 years.—

It was agreed unanimously that the front of the new buildings about to be erected on Dock Square, should be on a line drawn from the N E Corner of Wilsons Lane to the N. W. Corner of Exchange Lane—and the Chairman was desired to notify the owners of the same.—

Mr Capens proposal to supply Wood to the schools was agreed to, at 5½ dollars pr. Cord.—

[**479.**] Boston ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 18th. 1810. Present, Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright & Webb.—

Mr Wilby appeared, on the part of the proprietors of land proposed to be taken for a Street, north of the Exchange building; and expressed his readiness to leave the consideration of damages to the three gentlemen who formerly appraised the land to them.—viz. Gen. John Winslow, Joseph May & William Stevenson Esquires in conjunction with any two gentlemen from

the three following—George Cabot, William Parsons & John Parker Esq^{rs}. and in case this proposal is not accepted, the proprietors of the land would expect to leave it to a Jury.—

The Chairman was desired to communicate the above to the Directors of the Exchange building.—

Return was made by the Clerk of the Court of Com. Pleas of the names of persons licensed as Innholders & retailers the past year, the same being read, examined & corrected; was approved & signed according to Law.—

Agreed to meet on Monday next; & to invite W. N. Boylston Esq to be present on the subject on an adjustment of the claims of the Town upon him.—

[**480.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23^{d} 1810. Present, Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Mr Boylston & his counsel met the board on the proposed conference; the Town's Counsel being also present—after a general conversation on the claims upon the estate of Thomas Boylston Esq. it was agreed that a Committee of the board should meet Mr Boylston to inspect the documents in his hands & to receive of him certain statements—to give the necessary information, previous to offering or receiving proposals for compromise. —Mr Wright & Mr Weld were appointed on that Committee.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25th 1810. Present, Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

A Petition was presented respecting the new regulations of the burying grounds—A warrant was signed for a Town Meeting to consider that & other subjects.—

Col. May & Mr Webb—a Committee to employ workmen to remove the Gun house from its present situation on Copps hill to the south west corner of the land lately purchased, adjoining the burying ground.—

Charles Jackson Esq & Mr Benj^{a} Leverett, in behalf of the heirs of Leverett were [**481.**] present at the opening of the award of the referees chosen to decide upon their claims upon the Town for part of the land on which the Alms house stands.— the award being opened it appeared that the sum of $303 $\frac{3}{100}$ was allowed to John Leverett for $\frac{7}{4}$ parts & an additional sum of 24.22. for interest on the same.—at which rate the whole demand would amount to the sum of Two thousand, one hundred & Four dollars $\frac{25}{100}$.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30th 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Foster & Weld—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 1st. 1810. Present—Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Mr Brazier objected to the encouragement that had been given to Mr. Sargent, that he might build arches under the new part of Exchange Lane, in front of his Stores now erecting—the subject was considered—but no decision had thereon—

The Gentlemen were desired to view the ground [and] to be prepared for a decision at the next Meeting.—

[**482.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 3d. 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

After the Town Meeting was dissolved—the board assembled, and agreed to proceed & view the land on the neck, agreeably to the directions of the Town—on Monday next 10 o' Clock for the purpose of selecting a suitable spot for a burying ground.—

Mr. Sargent informed the board that his workmen were now waiting for their decision upon his application for liberty to build arches in Exchange Lane—having retired the question was considered & Voted unanimously by all present, except Mr Porter, that Mr. Sargent have liberty to use the part of Exchange lane lately added on the east side of his intended buildings, to build Vaults or arches under that part of the Street, upon condition that the work should be done to the approbation of the Selectmen, & that he should give a suitable obligation to keep the street over the said Vaults forever in repair, at his expence.—

[**483.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 8th. 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright & Webb.—

Mr Weld the proprietor of the only house now left to be taken away for the improvement of Exchange Lane appeared; and several overtures were made for deciding upon the sum of damages which he should receive for his house & land taken for that purpose—after much consideration, it was agreed to refer the subject to the following Gentlemen

Hon. Timothy Biglow Esq of Medford Josiah Bartlett Esq of Charlestown
Robert Murdock Esq of Newton
William Hammatt } Esq^{rs}. of Boston
Andrew Cunningham }

The Chairman was desired to notify the Gentlemen and request them to meet on Monday next 10 o'Clock to proceed upon the business.—

A plan of the proposed burying ground on the neck was presented by the Chairman; and estimates for fencing the same.—

Mr Porter & Mr Hunnewell were desired to confer with workmen & Contract for the fence on proper terms.—

Mr Oliver & Mr Wright were [**484.**] desired to provide dinner for the Company invited to visit the Schools the 17th Instant.

The Directors of the Exchange Coffee house not agreeing to the proposed referees to estimate the damage done to Messrs Harrison & Wilby by taking their land to form a new Street on the north side of their building; The Chairman, Mr Wright & Mr Webb were chosen a Committee to lay out the street, & remove the buildings, as the parties prefer having the damages estimated by a Jury.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 15th 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright & Webb.—

The award of damages for land taken from Mr Weld to complete the widening of Exchange Lane was opened, the proprietor of the land being present, when it appeared that the referees had estimated the damage at 510 dollars and the expences of reference at $25 dollars.—it was agreed to give orders on the Treasurer for these sums in the next Monthly draft.

The Chairman & Mr Hunnewell a Committee to stake out the ground for the new Gun house on the east side of Fort hill.

[**485.**] The Livery Stable at the corner of Milk Street & Hawley Street having been lately damaged by fire, and it being observed that workmen were engaged in repairing it; the Chairman was desired to notify the owner that the same had never been duly licensed according to law; and that the board would think it their duty to prosecute any person who should use it for a Livery Stable after the Month of September next.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 27th. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

A representation was made by the Committee of the India Wharf Association, that they had agreed to pave India Street at their own expence, & now made offer to the board to pay half the expence of paving two cross streets leading from Battery march to India Street.—viz Custom-house Street & Wharf Street.—It was agreed—in consideration of the great accommodation to business done in that quarter, by having the above steeets paved, to defray half the [**486.**] expence of the said two cross streets; and also to pay half the expence of Milk Street, between Broad and India Streets, if the proprietors or abutters would pay the other half.—

The Committee to view Beacon street—reported that it was their opinion, the street in front of the State house & late Governour Hancocks house should be dug away to form a gradual slope towards the Common, & covered with hard gravel—& that a gutter should be paved from the north end of M^{r}. Otis' sidewalk to the water, provided the abutters will form their sidewalks, with suitable edge stone abuttments to pave against—The above report was accepted, & the Committee authorized to proceed.—

[**487.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 5th. 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster & Webb.—

A Bond of Indemnity was presented from the Directors of the Exchange Coffee house
signed by their President, by which they engage, under a penalty of Twenty thousand Dollars to indemnify the Town from all expence which may arise for or by reason of laying out a Street north of their building, and widening half Court square.

The same bond being approved; it was agreed to lay out said Street and widen said square as follows.—

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston, having observed since the removal of several of the public offices to the Exchange Coffee house, that the entrance to the north side thereof is exceedingly crowded & inconvenient, in consequence of the narrowness of the passages leading thereto; and application having been made to them to exercise the powers vested in them by Law to lay out & widen said passages: they have accordingly considered the subject, and have determined that, in their opinion, the safety & convenience of the Inhabitants require that *half Court Square*, so called, [**488.**] should be widened; and that *a Street should*

be laid out on the north side of said building to lead from Congress Street to Devonshire Street: and they do accordingly lay out said Street & widen said square as follows.—Said Street to begin on Congress Street; and to extend in width *Thirty* feet from the north wall of the Exchange Coffee house, and to continue of the same width of thirty feet westerly to half Court square; reserving to the Proprietors of the Exchange Coffee house, the liberty to continue the present portico at the north side of their building, provided the steps shall be removed from the front thereof, and be made to ascend on each side, within the compass of the present platform: And the said half Court square to be widened, by adding to the present street or high way, all that triangular piece of land partly covered with a wooden building, and which lies North of the street last described, and west of a line to be drawn from the southwesterly corner of the brick house belonging to John Lowell Esquire to the easterly side post of the door of the Exchange Coffee house:—said line passing through a point on the north side of the first [**489.**] described Street, nineteen feet east of the present line of half Court square—The above description being intended to conform to a plan of said street & square, drawn by Mr Thomas W. Sumner; and the land taken for said Street measures 1830 square feet; and the land taken to widen said square measures 503½ square feet; as appears by the same plan.—

A proposal was received from Mr Leverett to convey to the Town, the right of the heirs to a piece of Land 20 by 80 feet square, lying immediately under the new Almshouse, and for which they have commenced a suit in the County of Norfolk:—for the sum of 701 $\frac{25}{100}$. dols payable in one year from the date of the former Award:—The subject was considered, & the proposal was agreed to, & the Chairman was desired to have the deed prepared Accordingly.—

A Committee from the board of health communicated a remonstrance from a great number of the Inhabitants of West Boston, against the use of the wharf adjoining the Canal Bridge for the purpose of emptying the Board of health Carts & the night Carts; the Committee requested the Selectmen to point out suit- [**490.**] able places where such Carts might be emptied in future.—The Chairman Mr. May & Mr Weld were chosen a Committee to examine & Report.—

The following Persons were approved as Auctioneers for one Year from 1st July 1810. viz.

John Jutau - - - - - - -	Thomas K Jones
William Dehon - - - - - -	John Perkins
Robert Gardner - - - - - -	John W. Quincy
Daniel Wild - - - - - - -	Caleb Hayward

Joseph Ripley - - - - - - -	Samuel Bridge
Samuel Blagge - - - - - - -	Benjamin Tucker
Cornelius Coolidge - - - - -	Richard Edwards
George Burroughs Ju^{r} - - -	Samuel Prince
Joseph Bumstead - - - - - -	William Gridley jr
Samuel Parker - - - - - - -	Saml. Whitwell
George Bond - - - - - - -	
John W. Blanchard - - - - -	Elisha Parks
Abraham Carter - - - - - -	David Beaman
Abel Wheelock - - - - - -	Thomas Clark
John Kennedy - - - - - - -	William Belcher
x Jesse Sanger - - - - - - -	
Jacob Rogers - - - - - - -	
Richard H. Hough - - - - -	

x Sept. 19th.

[**491.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 12th. 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Hunnewell, Wright, Webb & Weld.

Jurors were drawn for the Court of Com. Pleas, & the Meeting adjourned to this day week to fill such vacancies as shall happen in the list.—

A communication was received from the board of health relative to the system adopted by them for the regulation of the burying grounds and upon the proceedings of the Town on that subject, at the last Town Meeting.—The same was read, and ordered to lay for future consideration.

On the application of Mr Joseph Noyes for liberty to open the common sewer in Prince Street, for the purpose of cleansing and repairing the same; Ordered that the applicant notify all the persons whose drains enter therein, or who receive benefit thereby, to appear at the selectmens room on Wednesday next, to shew cause why such repair should not be undertaken and Assessment made on them generally according to Law.—

Voted. that the Town Treasurer be requested, and he is hereby authorized & impow—[**492.**] ered, to borrow at the Union Bank, the sum of Five hundred & ten Dollars, being the amount of the award of referees to be paid to Mr Nathaniel Weld, for his land taken to widen Exchange Lane.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 19th. 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Wright, Webb & Weld.

A Petition was presented from the proprietors of houses on Fort hill, surrounding the circular walk, in which they request that a distinct & appropriate name should be given to that place,

and as they entertain the highest respect for the Character of Washington, propose that it be called by his name.

This petition was read & Voted Unanimously that the square on the summit of Fort hill, on the outside of the circular walk, should in future be Known & designated by the name of Washington Place.—

On the application of Mr. Benjamin Eaton for liberty to open the common sewer in Cross Street, for the purpose of cleansing and repairing the same; Ordered that the applicant notify all those whose drains enter therein or receive benefit thereby, to appear at the Selectmens room on Wednesday next, to shew cause why such repairs [493.] should not be undertaken and Assessed on them generally according to Law.—

Return having been made by Mr Joseph Noyes of the names of Proprietors of the Common sewer in Prince Street, he has liberty to proceed to open and repair the same.—

6 Jurors were drawn for Court of Com. Pleas. to supply deficiencies in the last draft.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 24th 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Wright, Webb & Weld.

A Conference was held with a Committee of the Board of health upon the subject of their communication relative to the police of the burying grounds, which occupied the time of meeting—no decision had upon the subject.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 26th. 1810 Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

Voted, that the Town Clerk make [494.] out a statement of the accounts which have been allowed to the Coroners of this County since December last, & of the Account now presented; and that he call upon the Coroners to furnish the best evidence in their power, of the habitancy & circumstances of each person buried by their direction—that a regular demand may be made on the Towns to which it may appear they belonged; and on the Commonwealth for such as had no legal settlement.—

Also Voted, that no account from any Coroner be allowed in future, without such evidence of habitancy being presented with the account, & certified by the Coroner for each person buried by his order.—

The Chairman & Mr Weld a Committee on the application of Mr Benjamin Gray & Mr Jeremiah Fitch, to view the situation where Copper street should run at the foot of their land at West Boston, and to report whether any and what portion of the expence of continuing and filling Copper Street should be borne by the Town.—

[**495.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 3d. 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Messrs: May & Webb were added to the Committee on Mr Skinners claim on Mr: Blanchard and others for Sister Street Common Sewer—the Committee was requested to notify the parties & to visit the spot with them to bring the claim to a final Settlement.

The Town Clerk is directed to publish a list of persons who have been licensed as Auctioneers the present season.—

The Common Sewer in Cambridge Street, formerly laid by Capt. Mackay, having burst out so as to discharge the contents above ground, An order of Notice was agreed to, for the proprietors to appear on Thursday next to shew cause why the same should not be connected with the great Common Sewer in that Street and the expences assessed on them generally according to Law.—

A Committee of Firewards appeared to represent that Engine No 2, was unfit for Town service & to request that a new Engine may be provided in that place; they recommend one of the squirt kind.—

[**496.**] The Chairman was desired to apply to Dr. Dexter the President of [the] Aqueduct Corporation, that immediate attention may be paid to paving the many places which have been lately opened in the Streets by their workmen.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 11th. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Foster & Weld.

Mr: Porter was desired to apply to Mr Thayer for a new Engine—to contract for one to be made immediately, the old Engine No 2 to be taken in part payment.

No objection having been made to the repair & alteration of the drain in Cambridge Street, & return of the Proprietors being made & entered on file; Ordered the said drain be opened

& repaired where necessary & turned into the great Common sewer in that Street.—

In consequence of the great increase of business in Congress Street. Voted that the carts with Cider be no longer allowed to stand there; but that they shall stand in future in Water Street in one range, & in Pond Street on the Mill Pond—& the Chairman is desired to publish the same order & regulation.—

[**497.**] The Chairman & M^r^. Weld—a Committee to attend the meeting of the Committee of the General Court on the order of notice respecting a Canal proposed at the south part of the Town.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r^. 17th. 1810.—Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Return was made by Mr Stephen Gore Junr. of the expence of repairing the Common Sewer in Nassau Street, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain had been notified according to Law, & that no objections had been made; Assessment was now made, an order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follows. viz. Whereas a drain or Common Sewer has been laid in Nassau Street, conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to One hundred & Sixty five dollars sixty four Cents, which expence is to be born by such persons whose drains enter therein & recieve benefit thereby; Wherefore [**498.**] we the Subscribers, Selectmen of the s^d^ Town of Boston Certify that having considered the same expence & by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid. *Do Adjudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following and by the persons hereafter named. viz.—

		Bro't forw^d^	$74.52
Edward Johnson	$8.28.	William Lovering	16.56
Perrin May—	8.28.	heirs of Widow Stowell	8.28
Town of Boston—	8.28	Mrs Blaney—	8.28
Ebenezer Farley—	8.28	Mrs Sprague - - - - - -	8.28
Willett & Bullard } W. B & G. Guild } -	8.28	Mr Gooch - - - - - - -	8.28
		Mr Homes - - - - - -	8.28
E & J Hartshorne -	8.28	Jeremiah Gore - - - - -	8.28
——Hamilton—	8.28	John W. Wheeler	8.28
Perez Whiting - -	8.28	Lincoln & Stodder—	8.28
Milton Hall - - -	8.28	Nathl Spear - - - - - -	8.28
c^d^. forw^d^	$74.52		$165.60

And we hereby authorize and empower Mr Stephen Gore Junr to demand & receive the above sums from the persons above named, and to give discharges therefor.—

Signed

CHARLES BULFINCH
WM PORTER
JONA. HUNNEWELL
JOHN MAY
NATHAN WEBB
BENJA. WELD
} Selectmen

[**499.**] The Committee appointed to consider the circumstances of the drain laid by Mr. Skinner in Sister Street, reported that they had again investigated his claim to compensation from Messrs Blanchard, Dexter & Tilden:—but it appearing to the board that the parties could not agree upon any statement of facts, and that the drain had been laid by Mr. Skinner without taking the legal measures of applying to this board; that therefore the Selectmen could not enforce any payment of assessment that they might make, & therefore it was voted to take no further measures on the subject.

A petition was handed in from a great number of the proprietors of the second Baptist Church, requesting that North Margin Street, on the Mill Pond, should be so altered as to range with the southerly end of their new building.—the same was committed to Messrs May, Webb & Weld, to confer with the Petitioners, and examine the expediency of the proposed measure & report.—

An order of Notice was received from the Court of Com. Pleas, on the application of Mr. Harrison for a Jury to [**500.**] estimate damages for the land taken for Streets north of the Exchange Coffee house: the Chairman & Mr. Wright a Committee to attend the Court on Monday next on this order.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 24th. 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Agreed that Fifty Dollars be allowed towards regulating & gravelling the Southerly end of South Street, the same to be done under the direction of Mr Hunnewell and to his acceptance.—

A warrant was signed for a Town Meeting for the 5th day of November next being the first Monday in that Month, for the choice of a Representative in Congress for this district, Mr Wright, to request Rev Mr Emerson to open the Meeting with Prayer.—Mr. Park to print the Notifications.—

A question having arisen whether it was the intention of the board to allow Interest on the sum allowed Mr R. G. Shaw for land taken to widen Fish Street: the [**501.**] subject was considered & it was agreed that the Note given him by the Treasurer should be upon Interest.—

Several new applications were received from persons requesting licenses as Auctioneers—& several Memorials from those whose licenses had not been renewed this season.—these were read, & the subject considered—and it was determined to grant no licenses in addition to the last list, at present.—

When the two last questions were taken Mr. Porter & Mr. Hunnewell had withdrawn.—

The Chairman was desired to notify the persons assessed for part of the expence of opening Exchange lane that the time for paying one half of such Assessment had expired, & to request them to pay the same to the Town Treasurer.—

Pursuant to a precept received from Thomas Dawes Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, inquisition was made into the circumstances of Samuel Bulfinch—and return was made that he was incapable of taking care of his property & recommending that a Guardian should be appointed for him.—

[**502.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 29th. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Passed upon Accounts.—

The following Statement of the claims of Mr. John Leverett & others for land under part of the Alms house, and of their final adjustment, are directed to be recorded for the convenience of reference in future.—

Messrs: John Leverett & others, heirs of Knight Leverett deceased, brought a suit against the Town for recovery of a piece of land forty feet wide on Leverett Street & running to low water, and also for another piece twenty feet wide & forty feet long branching from the other at right angles—both which pieces had been appropriated & described in Ancient deeds of Knight Leverett as streets or highways. The Agents appointed by the Town to build the Alms house had occupied the said land for Town use, and had built the Alms house entirely over the smaller piece and across the forty foot Street, and had enclosed the remainder for yard & Wharf.—

The suit for the largest piece of [**503.**] land, or the forty foot street, was carried to the Supreme Judicial Court; and the

plaintiffs having proved their descent & title, it was agreed to refer the consideration of damages to William Prescott, Samuel Putnam & William Sullivan Esquires—a rule of Court was entered into, the subject was considered by the referees, & after hearing Counsel on both sides, they agreed upon their award.—
The rule and award are as follow.—

Suffolk & Nantucket ss } Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At the Supreme Judicial Court, begun & held at Boston within the County of Suffolk, & for the Counties of Suffolk & Nantucket, on the second Tuesday of March, being the thirteenth day of said Month, Anno Domini 1810.

Inhabitants of Boston, in Review vs John Leverett.

The parties agree that the verdict rendered in favor of the demandant in the original action, shall be affirmed by the Court and judgement rendered accordingly with costs; and the demandant agrees to convey to the said Inhabitants all his right & title in & to the [**504.**] said demanded premises upon their paying him therefor such sum as shall be assessed by William Prescott of said Boston, Samuel Putnam of Salem & William Sullivan of Boston Esquires, Assessors chosen by the parties; said Assessors to be governed by such principles as the Court shall prescribe, and their report to be presented to the Court for acceptance and Confirmation, if either party shall require it. Provided such sum be paid by the Town within one year after such report. It being understood that neither party will require such report to be presented to the Court for acceptance, unless such party should conceive that the assessors have not been governed by the directions of the Court. It is also agreed that the costs of this reference shall be paid by the said Inhabitants of the Town of Boston.—

The Court under the preceding agreement of the parties and by their consent, direct that the Assessors chosen under this agreement by the parties shall in the valuation of the demanded premises estimate the land, at the fair cash price of the same, subject to the incumbrances thereon (in the same manner as a Jury would estimate [**505.**] the same, on an inquiry under the Statute of the Commonwealth passed on the 2d day of March 1808, intitled "an Act for the limitation of certain real actions, and for the equitable settlement of certain claims arising in real actions")—The assessors shall make such allowance for the credit given for the sum at which the premises are valued as they may think proper.

JNO. TUCKER—Clerk

We the Subscribers having duly notified, met & heard the parties within named touching the matters to us submitted by the within rule, now report, that we have estimated the demanded premises, that is to say, Seven undivided Forty fifth parts of the parcel of land described in the demandants writ, at the fair cash price thereof, subject to the incumbrances thereon, & are of opinion that the same so estimated & subject to said incumbrances are of the real value of Three hundred & three Dollars & three Cents, and that for the credit agreed to be given therefor, a further sum of Twenty four dollars & twenty two cents ought to be allowed, making in the whole—Three hundred & twenty seven dollars & Twenty five Cents

[**506.**] Signed

W^M PRESCOTT
SAM^L. PUTNAM
W^M SULLIVAN

Costs of Rule

Assessors	200
House	—20. 52
	$ 220. 52

Dated at Boston May 30th. 1810.

In conformity with the above award Mr John Leverett presented to the Selectmen the following account August 23^d. 1810.

The Inhabitants of Boston to John Leverett & others—D^r.

1810. to amount of John Leveretts share			
7	of land under the Almshouse p^r. award		7/45—327.25.
12	D^o. Abigail Johnson's -	d^o - -	12/45—561.—
3½	D^o N & M Leonards -	d^o - -	3½/45—163.62½
3½	D^o Wm Leverett's - -	d^o - -	3½/45—163.62½
3½	D^o Abigail Brush - -	d^o - -	3½/45—163.62½
3½	D^o Thomas Leverett -	d^o - -	3½/45—163.62½
2 42/45	D^o. Benj^a Leverett - -	d^o - -	2 42/45—137.13½
35 42/45			$1679.88½

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of John Leverett for 1542.75—and Deeds were duly executed by him for his proportion & for the others for whom he was Attorney to that amount.—And also an order was drawn in favour of B Leverett for 137. 13½—and a Deed was executed by him for his proportion.—

After this settlement proposals were made for settling the claim for the other piece of land 20 feet by 40 f^t. which [**507.**] could not be included in the Reference—and it was agreed by the Selectmen to allow therefor, and for the purpose of closing the demand, the sum of Seven hundred & one dollars 25/100—this sum to be paid as follows.

7 - -	To John Leverett for -	7/45 - - - -	109. 8
12 - - -	Abigail Johnson - -	12/45 - - - -	187.—
$3\frac{1}{2}$ - - -	N & M Leonard - -	$3\frac{1}{2}$/45 - - - -	54.54
$3\frac{1}{2}$ - - -	Wm Leverett - -	$3\frac{1}{2}$/45 - - - -	54.54
$3\frac{1}{2}$ - - -	Abigail Brush - -	$3\frac{1}{2}$/45 - - - -	54.54
2 42/45. -	Benj^{a} Leverett - -	2 42/45 - - -	45.71
$3\frac{1}{2}$ - - -	Thomas Leverett -	$3\frac{1}{2}$/45 - - - -	54.54
35 42/45			$559.95

An order was drawn on the Treasurer for 514.24 in favour of John Leverett Oc^{t}. 29th.
& in favour B Leverett - - - for - - - - - - - 45.71

There now remains due the proportion to the following persons.—

		first award	2d Settlement
To Mary Cottle for 2 2/45		95, 57	—31.85
Elizabeth Welsh	2 2/45	—95. 57	—31.85
Assignees Wm Leverett	2 2/45	—95. 57	. 31.85
Children of John Leverett	2 42/45	137. 13	. 45.71
	9 3/45	$423. 84	$141.26
Settled for as above—	35 42/45		423.84
	45 Shares.		$565.10.

Deeds have been received from John & Benj Leverett for the proportions which they represent.—

[**508.**] Therefore it is now Voted, that the Town Treasurer give his promissory note in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to John Leverett for the amount drawn for in his favour in August last & at this date—and to Benjamin Leverett for the amount drawn for in his favour at the same dates—all which sums to be paid on the thirtieth day of May next, without Interest.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 31st. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell Webb & Weld.—12 Jurors drawn—Sheriffs Jury - - -

Wheras in August last past the sum of Fifteen hundred forty two dollars & $\frac{75}{100}$ was allowed to John Leverett of Windsor Vermont & the sum of one hundred thirty seven dollars $\frac{13}{100}$ to Benjamin Leverett of Boston; and on the twenty ninth Instant the further sum of Five hundred & fourteen dollars $\frac{24}{100}$ was allowed to the said John Leverett and the further sum of Forty

five dollars $\frac{71}{100}$ was allowed to the said Benjamin Leverett; Voted that the Town Treasurer give his promissory note in the behalf of the Inhabitants of said Town to the said John for the amount allowed to him aforesaid, & to the said Benjamin for the Amount [**509.**] allowed to him as aforesaid, to be paid on the Thirtieth day of May next without Interest.—

The above is a copy of the order to the Town Treasurer which accompanied the draft on him.

Passed the remainder of the Accounts

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 7th. 1810 Present Messrs: Bullinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, & Weld.—

Return was made by Mr William Hynes of the expence of repairing the drain in Cambridge Street, commonly Mackays drain, the account whereof being duly examined by the Selectmen was by them allowed; they being informed at the same time, that all persons concerned in said drain, had been notified according to Law, & that no objection had been made: Assessment was now made, an Order of payment was passed by the Selectmen as follow viz. Whereas a Drain or common sewer has been laid in Cambridge Street conformably to the directions of the Selectmen, the whole expence whereof amounts to forty eight Dollars 82 Cents which expence is to be borne by such persons whose drains enter therein [**510.**] and receive benefit thereby: Wherefore We the subscribers Selectmen of the said Town of Boston Certify that having considered the same expence & by whom & in what manner it ought to be paid *Do Aojudge* that the same be paid in the proportion following & by the persons hereafter named viz.

Widow Eleanor Davis	2.44
Joseph Blake	4.88
Jona L & B. Austin	9.76
Widow Jane Clark	2.44
Loring Jacobs	2.44
Sylvanus Gray	2.44
Benja. Brigham	2.44
Benja. Hurd	2.44
Caswell Beal	2.44
John Harris	2.44
John Mackay	2.44
Saml. W. Hunt	2.44
Mungo Mackay	4.90
C Wright	2.44
Nehemiah Parsons	2.44
	$48.82

And we hereby Authorize & empower Mr. William Hynes to demand & receive the above sums from the persons above named, & to give discharges therefor. (signed) Chs. Bulfinch, W Porter, E. Oliver J Hunnewell J May F Wright B. Weld—

[**511.**] Mr. Clark Emmes applied to inquire the reason that his bill for making engine hose had not been allowed the full amount of his charge—and stated the superior advantages of the hose made by him.—A Communication was also read from Mr Fenno on this subject—and it appearing to the board that a regular mode ought to be adopted for purchasing this article; the papers were handed to Mr. Hunnewell, to lay before the firewards at their next meeting; that they might agree upon measures with this board in future.—

Mr. Oliver, Mr Wright & Mr. Hunnewell a Committee to determine how much land was necessary to be taken to widen Essex Street opposite to the Estate of Daniel Sargent Esq. and to make an agreement with the proprietor for the same, on the best terms which could be obtained.—

[**512.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 15th 1810. Present Mess: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

Jurors were drawn to serve as Grand & Travers Jurors at the Supreme Judicial Court the ensuing term.—

Mr Hancock having employed a number of Persons in digging and carting away their land on Beacon Hill—the Chairman, Mr Hunnewell, & Mr. Weld were appointed to have the Towns right on the hill staked out, & to forbid encroachment thereon.—

A special application was received, in favour of Mr Stephen Brown recommending him for a licence as an Auctioneer—the same was considered, and it was agreed to licence Mr Brown for the Current Year.—

It was also agreed to grant an Auction licence to Mr. Barker, of the firm of Barker & Bridge—to transact business as one of that Company & in Consequence of the weak state of health of Mr. Bridge.—

[**513.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 21. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, & Weld.—

Mr. Wright was requested to procure a quantity of musket balls, in addition to what is at present in the Town armoury, to

complete the quantity required by Law, in consequence of the increased number of men on the muster rolls of the Militia.—

Several Gentlemen residing on & in the neighbourhood of Snowhill street, appeared to state the almost impassable situation of that Street, in consequence of the great use made of it in carting gravel from Copp's hill the present season—

Mr Hunnewell & Mr. May were appointed a Committee to view the same and order the necessary repairs immediately.—

A letter received from H. G. Otis Esq dated Octr. 16th having been read at the last Meeting, was now considered and acted upon.—In this letter Mr. Otis informs the board that he is a proprietor of a Lot of land at the corner of Atkinson & Purchase streets, late the property of Gen Henry Jackson, from which lot two strips [**514.**] of land to widen those Streets after the fire in 1794, and for which no compensation has been made to the former or present proprietor.—Upon referring to the records of that time, it appears that those streets were widened, according to the then existing Laws by the Selectmen & Justices of the County of Suffolk; and a particular statement appears of the quantity of Land taken for that purpose on a plan by Osgood Carleton drawn at the same period.—The following resolution was now adopted, & voted to be communicated to Mr Otis.—

Upon examination the Selectmen find, that in 1794, in order to widen Atkinson Street, High Street & Purchase Street, after a very extensive devastation by fire, portions of land were taken from most of the individuals abutting on these streets & which are described in the plan drawn at that time by Osgood Carleton.—The board do not find that any demand for compensation has ever been made by any person whose land was taken for this purpose, and they presume the straightening & widening of the streets were considered so great an improvement to all the property abutting on them, as to satisfy [**515.**] the proprietors for the loss of the small portions of their land added to the Streets

The board are further of Opinion, that after a lapse of sixteen years, without any demand being made, it is not in their power to act upon the subject; but that the claim should it be persisted in be laid before the Town at a regular Town meeting.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 26 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, May, Wright, Foster & Weld.—

Passed upon Accounts.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 5th. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

Passed a number of Accounts to close the Monthly draft.—

An application from Johnson a black man was received, praying to be licensed as a Chimney sweeper, with recommendations from a number of the Inhabitants.

A Communication on this subject [**516.**] was also received from Mr Vinton the present superintendent of chimnies.

Messrs: Porter, Hunnewell & May were appointed a Committee to receive these papers, & to report what was advisable to be adopted for the safety of the Town and convenience of the Inhabitants.—

The Chairman, Mr Wright & Mr Weld, a Committee to agree upon referees with M^r. Patterson, for estimating the damage done to his estate in Back Street, for a small part thereof taken to widen the Street.—

The Committee chosen to attend to the widening of part of Essex Street—made the following report, which was read & accepted.—

That they had agreed with Mr Plumbeck for part of his land to widen the Street; which land is described as follows. From the east corner of Thomas Fessenden's house to the west corner of Plumbecks house the line to be drawn straight and distant at that corner 39 feet 6 inches from the fence of estate of late Danl. Sargent, and from the east corner of Plumbeck's house across to said Sargents fence 38 feet 9 inches. From the east corner of Plumbeck's house to be a straight line to the corner of the distill house on Essex & South Streets. taking from the land lately purchased by [**517.**] Plumbeck about 306 square feet.—and for which they have agreed to pay him One hundred & fifty Dollars.—

The Chairman & M^r. Porter having withdrawn—

M^r. Oliver was requested to take the Chair.—

The following communication was read from Mr Bulfinch.

Gentlemen,

In the estimate of expences for the present year, a sum was named for the police department, which was read in Town Meeting, and was adopted with other appropriations.—I have not yet brought the subject before the board, from an unwillingness to make claims upon the public; but I must now request you to consider that the Town service occupies nearly my whole time, at home, in Office hours and in the Street, and

renders it impossible for me to engage in any regular business, except that of the Town.

I have long wished to be able to serve the Town upon the same independent footing with the other members of the Board: but the stagnation of business and the [**518.**] disappointment of expectations in the two past years have prevented my obtaining my wish in this respect.

Under the circumstances I request the Board to consider the propriety of making my compensation in proportion to that of other Town Officers who receive pay for their services.—

The subject was considered, & on motion Voted, unanimously, That the sum of four hundred Dollars be allowed & paid to Chas. Bulfinch Esq. in addition to his Salary of six hundred Dollars, as Police officer the present year.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 7th 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright & Weld.—

Two Jurors were drawn for the District Court now sitting.—

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting to consider the subject of sweeping chimneys, reported.—That Mr Vinton had informed them, that he kept two public offices for the convenience of the Inhabitants to apply & enter their names in his books—one of which offices was at the [**519.**] room of the Clerk of the Market & the other at No. 100 Orange Street.—that he now had six capable Sweeps under his orders; and would engage to continue to employ such number as should be thought necessary—the Committee therefore recommended not to make any new appointment of additional superintendent; but that Mr. Vinton should inform the public of these particulars by advertisement, and request all who have occasion for sweeps to apply at one of his Offices, and not to trust to applications or messages sent him by his Boys, & made to them in the Streets.—

This Report was accepted, & Voted, That the Chairman add to the foot of Mr Vinton's advertisement a request that the Inhabitants would adopt the method proposed by him, and give information to the board of any neglect on his part after regular application made to him.—

[**520.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 12th. 1810. Present Messrs Bulfinch, Hunnewell, Wright, Webb & Weld.—

An application from Capt. Nye for powder for use of the Artillery Company under his Command, was committed to Mr.

Wright, to consult with the Brigadier General respecting the construction of the Militia Law in this particular. —

On the request of the Committee of Directors of Mill pond Corporation, Messrs Webb & Weld were appointed a Committee to confer with them relative to the drain laid through part of the pond from Prince Street.—

A Petition was received from a number of Inhabitants requesting that measures should be taken to prevent the Boys from coasting in the public Streets.—The Chairman was directed to publish an order to forbid this practice, and to employ a suitable number of Constables to stop any boys that shall continue it in hazardous situations.—

[**521.**] Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 19th. 1810 Present Messrs Bulfinch, Porter, Oliver Hunnewell, Wright, Foster Webb & Weld.

Whereas Mr John Homer of this Town, bricklayer, contracted with the Selectmen, by his instrument dated the 16th day of February 1803, to pay whatever should be awarded for a certain piece of land, taken from the estate of Andrew Greene, to widen & improve the Street leading by the north side of Beacon hill; from Middlecott Street to Hancock Street which Street has been since named *Derne* Street; and whereas the value of said land has been since ascertained by referees to amount to the sum of 275$\frac{25}{100}$ dollars, which has been paid by him to the legal representatives of said Andrew Greene deceased, in manner following. viz.

By John Homers Acc^{o} allowed Ap^{r}. 30. 1810 and entered in the draft for that Month, made payable to Andrew Green for - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	120 –
By his Account allowed Augt. 27th 1810. payable on Account of s^{d}. Green to D^{r}. John Warren for	100 —
By his account allowed Nov. 30th. 1810 payable also to D^{r}. John Warren - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	55.25
	$275.25

[**522.**] Now the said John Homer having paid as above the amount which he had contracted to pay; it is ordered that the Town Treasurer discharge the Mortgage on the estate of said Homer in Derne Street, which was given by him as surety for said Contract.—

M^{r}. Wright of the Committee on application of Capt. Nye of the Artillery Company under his command—Reports, that he has consulted the Brigadier General respecting the construction of the

Militia Law in this particular & reports that they are unanimously of opinion that the Artillery Companies are *not* entitled to receive such allowance of powder as prayed for; but that provision is made for the Artillery by the Commonwealth, to be supplied by the Quarter Master General.

This report having been read and considered was accepted.—

28 Jurors were drawn for Court of Com. Pleas—& 4 Jurors were drawn for the District Court now sitting.

Applications were received from the following persons requesting to be licensed as Auctioneers—Mr. Henry White, George Wheeler Nathaniel Tucker & James Fillis. The [**523.**] above named persons being all recommended by a number of very respectable Freeholders—and their claims to this appointment having been fully considered, it was agreed to grant a license to each of them.—

The Chairman informed the board that he had received from the Clerk of the Court of Com. Pleas, notice that the verdict of the Jury in the case of James Harrison for land taken for streets near the Exchange Coffee house had been accepted, and an order had passed that the Amount being 19148 dollars be paid out of the Town Treasury.—upon the receipt of the above the Chairman had communicated the same to the President & Directors of the Exchange Coffee house, & requested them to make provision for the payment, or take such other measures as to prevent inconvenience to the Town.—

The Chairman informed the board, that he had been summoned to Court upon an indictment found against the Town by the Grand Jury, for a nuisance at the west end of Leverett Street, being the wharf from which the dirt & Night Carts of the Town are emptied by order of the Board of Health:—that he had attended the Court, but the cause had been postponed to the next term, to give convenient time to the Town [**524.**] to choose an Agent to answer to the Charge.

The Committee charged to stake out the Town's property on Beacon hill, reported that they had met on the hill, in company with the owners of the other part of the land, and had proceeded to measure & stake out six rods square on the summit of the hill, in company with the owners of the other part of the land, and had proceeded to measure & stake out six rods square on the summit of the hill & the passage way of thirty feet wide leading thereto on the south side. The Committee found that a large portion of the north east corner of the land had caved away, the earth from which had been used for the repair of streets the present season; and that on the South west corner about fifteen

feet at the extreme angle had been taken away by Messrs Hancock.—

Boston ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen December 26th. 1810. Present Messrs: Bulfinch, Oliver, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Foster, Webb & Weld.—

9 Jurors were drawn for the District Court & 30 Jurors were drawn for the Supreme Court.—

The Committee chosen to procure a suitable place for the School street Engine house reported, that it could not be accommodated on the land on & near which it now stands as the proprietors intend to build houses [**525.**] on the same land early in the spring: but that sufficient room may be allowed for it back of the Latin school—The Chairman & Mr Hunnewell were desired to contract with workmen for a building which may answer for an engine house, a wood house & Necessary for the latin School, as the present buildings are in a ruinous state & not capable of repair.

An application was received from William Bell, stating that in paving North Street, he had undertaken the side walk in front of the house occupied by Capt. Curtis—& had procured edge stones & other materials for the same; that M^{r}. Curtis had since left the Country without paying the bills as he had promised & that the said Bell had been sued for part of the materials, for which Execution had issued, and which he was unable to pay; he therefore requested the Board to allow him the amount of the bill of edge stones amounting to 43.36. and he would abide by the loss of the other materials & of his labour & the costs of suit. The subject was considered, & it appearing that Mr Bell had taken all suitable means to recover the debt from Capt. Curtis without effect, it was determined that the provisions of the Law regulating the paving of Streets, [**526.**] would justify the board in allowing the present account & it was agreed to give an order on the Treasurer for $43.36 in the next draft.—

Boston ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 31st. 1810. Present Messrs. Bulfinch, Hunnewell, May, Wright, Webb & Weld.

Passed the Monthly Accounts.—

I Certify that the records in this Book, commencing on the 14th day of December A. D. 1809. & ending December 31st. 1810. are a true record of the Proceedings of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.—

THO' CLARK, Town Clerk.

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